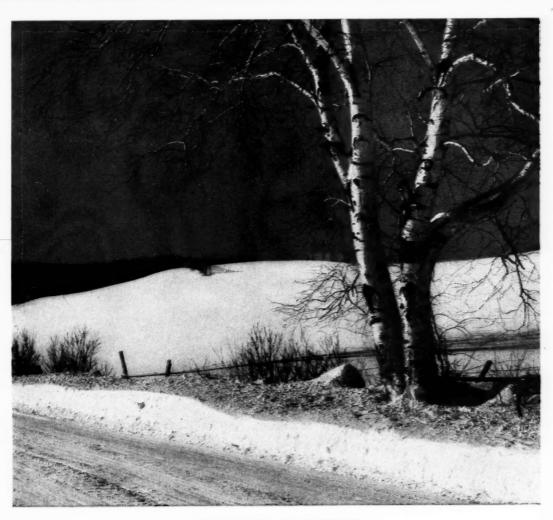
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WINTER'S BLANKET
"By The Breath of God Frost Is Given"

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Harbinger of Spring



"I wonder if the sap is stirring yet,
If wintery birds are dreaming of a mate,
If frozen snowdrops feel as yet the sun,
And crocus fires are kindling one by one."

The First Spring Days

His own name upon them, for Israel

The Breath of God

ALL LIFE is dependent upon the energy that continually flows from God. In the Scriptures this is variously termed as the breath or the Spirit of God.

"Each individual is continually, though unconsciously, drawing upon it as a source of energy just as surely as plant life draws upon the sun for the same purpose. Without the life-giving sun, plant life would disappear; similarly, without this external power from God, which animates all human and animal life, life itself would cease to exist." (*The High Calling*.)

But aside from life itself, the entire physical universe is sustained by the breath of His Spirit. When Elihu discoursed with Job about eternal things, he referred to the frost, the changing seasons, the snow, the rain and all physical phenomena, affirming that they all display His might and power.

Knowing His great power, the Psalmist could well question the foolishness of the raging heathen and angry earthly rulers who defy God and are in opposition to His Son, stating, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure" (Ps. 2: 4-5).

From His arsenal God can bring forth weapons of destruction which will make any type of human opposition to Him appear ridiculous by comparison. Mighty convulsions of nature in whirlwind, cyclone, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes can all be marshalled as majestic manifestations of His power. Even the fiery heavenly bodies hurtling through space at terrific speeds are under His command and can be made to fulfill His purposes. That men at least subconsciously recognize the Divine power in these forces of nature is evident in the so-called "acts of God" clauses written into contracts and insurance policies.

All flesh was created and made from the dust of the ground and this is the physical origin of man himself. But it was not until God breathed into man's nostrils the breath or spirit of life that man came into existence as a living human being. When God recalls that breath or spirit of life, the Psalmist declares, "Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust" (Ps. 104: 29).

Because all things are upheld by God's power, and our very existence as human beings is the result of the energizing spirit or breath of life from God, Paul made the remark, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being [i.e., exist]" (Acts 17: 28). Elihu expressed it well when he said to Job, "If he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; all flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust" (Job 34: 14-15).

It is only the fool who will say in his heart, "There is no God." The whole creation proclaims His existence and the fact that we live and breathe is a demonstration of the presence of the sustaining spirit of life that flows continually from the Throne of God, energizing every creature in whom there is the breath of life.

Foolish indeed is the man who will attempt to give counsel to the Lord whose almighty attributes are described by the Prophet Isaiah in his challenging question, "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?" (Isa. 40: 12.)

The Lord Himself throws back the challenge through Isaiah to those who dare assume they possess wisdom enough to guide human destiny, "Woe to the man who quarrels with his Maker — man a mere potsherd of the earth! Does the clay ask the potter what he is doing? Does what he makes tell him he is powerless? Woe to him who asks his father what he is begetting, or his mother what she is bearing! And would you question me about the future? Would you dictate to me about my work? says the Eternal, Israel's maker, Israel's Majestic One, I, I who made the earth, I who created man on earth, I who stretched out the heavens with my own hands, I who ordered all their host!"

OUR attention, as you read this publication, is directed toward the destinies of the nations of the world, the war, and our changing economy. The conclusions are based on the only authoritative source — the prophecies of the Holy Bible. In this way one can know the purpose and outcome of present chaos and you may well be startled, if this is your first acquaintance with its national phase, to discover the Bible as the most modern Book in the world. Containing information we must all shortly take into account, it deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of one race and it is very probable that you are of that race, thus both the Bible and DESTINY deserve your consideration and study.

DESTINY identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. The magazine itself is published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word in the Scriptures and who have seen God's hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth and so have formed a non-profit organization - which is undenominational - to publish these truths in order that others may possess this important information.

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant, and upon whom He laid His Law. That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people He called Israel. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now - these are still Bible times in the truest sense - and it is a marvelous, continuing-on-through-the-centuries history. For we note that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and

across Europe to their new settlement

in the Isles, then on to America. By

FOREWORD

what the prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

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Israel! To many folk, today, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. God's choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; yet there is no question of favoritism. The people of Israel were chosen for service. God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness and true progress. While performing that service, God guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He placed

His own name upon them, for Israel means "a prince with God," and He commanded them not to "take it in vain." That they did take God's name in vain — and so lost it — is a matter of history. That they will again carry it — to God's honor and service — is clear from the Bible, and is the subject of our publication.

Like the name Israel, Anglo-Saxon is a noble name when clearly understood. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man. And we recognize that all who are "born again" and believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, will partake of the blessings of the Covenant. We emphasize the Anglo-Saxon-Israel fact, however, and thus make Israel's identity clear, because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching and is essential to an understanding of the prophecies and plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, for the moral order of society and for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity. We find the moral order by which God intends to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live. We see our Israel forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, punishment and correction. We have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action, and we have our Lord offering to set up completely the Kingdom of God on earth in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King.

Thus we stand for the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ! In large and general terms, this defines our position. We are anti-nothing and proveverything relating to God's revealed purpose. We publish the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today — the same people with the same work — now nearing the time of the full entry of the rule of God among men.

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

IN RETROSPECT

THE SIGNIFICANCE of the events transpiring in the fall of 1948 is now becoming apparent. The Communists entered the city of Mukden in China on October 30, 1948 and the next day, October 31, 1948, the city fell completely into their hands. This was just 2520 solar days after Pearl Harbor.

A radio broadcast quoted Angus Ward as stating that the taking of Mukden was the turning point in the war in the Far East. The capture of this city was the beginning of the end for the Nationalist regime. Thus, with the fall of Mukden, Communist successes were assured in China and a major crisis was in the making in this theater of warfare for the United States of America.

Of what particular advantage is it if we are able to contain Communism within bounds in Europe only to have Communism in the Far East in a position to seriously threaten our Pacific defenses?

It is becoming generally realized now that events in the fall of 1948 were most significant, just as chronology indicated. But only a few, numbered among the wise, were aware of this then. Now summarizations of the outstanding happenings in 1949 place at the head of the list the fall of all China into the hands of the Communists. The taking of Mukden, which signalled the complete conquest of China to follow, was one among many other interesting trends established in 1948 which led directly to developments in the year 1949 and have made inevitable the present fast-developing crisis.

President Truman's recent declaration in a press conference that the United States will not interfere in the civil conflict in China is an open invitation to the Communists to take the Island of Formosa. Astute persons know very well that this is no "civil conflict" but the onward march of Communist hordes pursuing their program for world conquest.

AN IMPORTANT SIGN

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The Zionists have now moved their capital to Jerusalem, thus manifesting another step in the process of revealing to the world the identity of the abomination of desolation to

which Daniel referred and of which Jesus spoke. This move on the part of the Zionists was in complete defiance of the UN which has also burdened itself with Jerusalem (see Zechariah 12: 3).

Looking toward the present generation, Jesus gave a significant event sign as a specific warning to His followers. When the time came those recognizing His warning were to act accordingly. He said:

"But as soon as you see the dreadful desecration standing where he has no right to stand." (Mark 13: 14, Smith and Goodspeed Trans.)

Actually, the Zionists have no right in Jerusalem, but in spite of this they have taken their stand in that city. As pointed out in *Palestine: Center of World Intrigue*,* the Zionist movement is fulfilling the requirements demonstrating its close association with the desolation of which Daniel speaks. Having now moved their capital to the Holy City, they are also fulfilling our Lord's words when He stated the abomination would be "set up in the Holy Place."

The significance of this present move cannot be too strongly stressed, for it is an indication of the beginning of events that will ultimately bring devastating conflict into the Near East. In the light of the information given in the above-mentioned booklet, the present moves on the part of the Zionists is a demonstration that their objective is to seize the Kingdom by force. Now that they have moved their capital to Jerusalem we have been given an event sign of major importance to be comprehended by those who are aware of the ultimate objective of these renegade Jews who are undertaking, through violence, to establish themselves as a kingdom in Palestine.

COMING TO PASS

AFTER NEARLY three decades of warning, both from the public platform and through the pages of Destiny, that Soviet Russia is the potential deadly enemy of the Anglo-Saxon world, present-day disclosures are fully justifying all that has previously been stated. The plans of the tyran-

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nical leaders in the Kremlin are now nearing completion.

DESTINY has repeatedly called attention to the fact that these evil leaders have elected that there shall be war and their entire efforts and planning have the day in mind when they can strike with assurance of success. The news from Europe, and from behind the iron curtain, confirms all this. There is feverish preparation for war by Russia on a scale that far exceeds the plans laid by any other nation in all history for such a day of conflict.

The Reds are planning a blitz war that will dwarf into insignificance the German instigation of this type of warfare. Rocket bases are being erected in Europe pointing toward the West. East Germany is rapidly being mobilized, with munitions factories working at high speed to make ready for the inevitable clash of arms. The Soviets are constructing submarines with a plan to strike through these undersea packs at our east coastal cities and render all our harbors useless through the explosion of atomic bombs equipped with a time control. In the field of aviation Russia possesses thousands of bombing planes ready for the day of conflict. It is only a matter of timing when the order will be given for the launching of the blitz—by land, sea and air—against us.

Completely disregarding international agreements, the Kremlin has driven ahead toward the day when, with victory certain, they will suddenly strike, using every type of weapon in the expectation of destroying our means to resist at the very inception of the war. Timed with the launching of this blitz will be the efforts on the part of the Communists within our nation to sabotage our efforts, wreck our plants and destroy public utilities. With Red spies in vital defense plants and holding important positions throughout our nation, the situation is indeed critical. Contributing toward the coming crisis is the vitiating propaganda that is aimed at lulling the American public to sleep, making many feel secure when they should be made alert by the truth in order to prepare to meet a serious situation that will confront our nation in the near future.

Ridicule, innuendoes, and even direct slurs, are tools of the smear which have been effectively applied to cause the American public to discount the testimony of those who know how real the danger is. Even when well-informed men have called upon the records of past dealings in our nation to warn us of impending danger, their mouths have been shut by powerful propaganda forces which do not wish the truth revealed.

Had official Washington and the public taken seriously the warnings published these many years in Destiny, we would not now be in the position of having placed in the hands of Soviet Russia the means by which she hopes to later destroy us. Our national blindness to the warnings of the prophets of the Lord has now placed our people at the mercy of a ruthless and determined foe.

POLICY MEN

THERE WAS A TIME when the Federal Government of the United States was above the petty political maneuverings for which Tammany Hall and ward politicians are noted. But that day seems to have passed now, for politicians have taken over the executive branch of our government and are running the affairs of state according to the accepted dictum that to the victor belongs the spoils.

If present political corruption continues, along with

maladministration, it will ultimately destroy all for which our forefathers fought and died — personal freedom and the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity. As Carthage passed away and Rome later fell before invading armies due in a large measure to political corruption within, so also our nation today is suffering as a result of unchecked corruption in high places.

In his book, You're the Boss, Ed Flynn states:

"The only way to win elections year after year is to know what the people want and give it to them."

The present administration has faithfully followed this principle, unaware that such a policy is disastrous to a nation and that it brought trouble upon our race in ancient times. It will do so again.

The record of that early incident, followed by severe chastisement, is given in connection with the setting up of the golden calf by Aaron. Moses had been absent on the mount and the people came to Aaron and demanded that he make them a golden calf to worship. Aaron complied with the request of the people. When Moses returned and saw the calf he broke the tables of stone which were in his hands and then demanded an explanation from Aaron. Aaron gave the perfect politician's reply that the people had demanded the calf and he acceded to their demands.

Thousands died in Israel that day because a politician provided the people with what they wanted. But Moses, the statesman, was a man of convictions and he withstood the people to their faces, though at times it endangered his life to do so when they threatened to kill him for refusing to do their bidding. Aaron, the policy man, furnishes a pattern of the type of men too many of whom are in important positions in our government today.

A fearful price will yet be exacted of us as a nation for our folly in electing and continuing politicians in office who cater to human weaknesses and whose promises to give the people all they desire sound pleasant to the ear. The day of reckoning is approaching and this will become evident to all in the near future.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WARNING

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS reports in an analysis of national defense problems that war with Russia would be a signal for the outbreak of unprecedented subversive warfare within our own land. In Destiny for May 1948 we said in part:

"In spite of constant warnings in the past our national leaders have been unmindful of the need of moving against the enemy within until very recently. Because of the years of negligence on the part of those elected to guard our liberties, the subtle propaganda of the enemy within has influenced millions to embrace their evil doctrines. Already men treasonable to our country have become so entrenched in strategic positions in government that they have been able to sabotage our policies and hinder our means of defense. Millions of dollars worth of heavy machinery and war material have been shipped to the Soviets or satellite nations in spite of the protests of patriotic citizens. Even now, in spite of the present tense situation with Russia, this is still going on!

"The following excerpts quoted from Joel's Prophetic Message and Warning,* published in 1930, show that the prophets foresaw all this and our failure to believe or heed their warnings is responsible for the troubles we are now experiencing:

"'The enemy is shown marching to attack God's Kingdom.

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Their purpose is to annihilate His people Israel. The Nation is perplexed and troubled. They not only have to face the enemy, but they have to contend with internal difficulties and civil war

- the result of enemy propaganda.

"'Succinctly Joel describes these conditions in Israel as a running to and fro of the enemy in the city. Thus is pictured the power of propaganda within the strongholds of Israel. The Prophet also states, "They shall run upon the walls." Walls are a city's means of defense. Here we behold the uselessness of Israel's defenses. The Prophet likens the success of the subtle propaganda of the enemy to a thief entering a house through its windows. The statesmen and ecclesiastical leaders of the nation have lent their influence to this program of nullifying Israel's means of defense. They have been preaching peace and preventing Israel from preparing to defend herself against the day when the enemy assails her. How truly Joel likens this insidious propaganda to a thief stealing our means of security. How scathing the Lord is, through all His prophets, in His denunciation of the leaders who have failed to teach God's laws of military defense and training. Attacked by sword from without, and by propaganda and civil strife from within, Israel finds herself in a desperate situation."

Confirmation of all this is now given in the release by the Library of Congress, reported in *The Boston Herald* for December 4, 1949 as follows:

"Looking ahead at the 'uncertain' period between 1950 and 1970, analyst S. Arthur Devan cautions against national complacency on this point as the result of America's success against Nazi saboteurs in World War II. Nor, he adds, can the United States rest on the mistaken belief that the atomic bomb is the

'absolute weapon' of war.

"Subversive action by Communist agents, Devan says, could be expected to take a number of forms — all intended to weaken the nation's will to fight. There would be argument and rumor, and attempts to undermine military morale. There would be 'efforts on the part of agents infiltrated into and sometimes in control of labor organizations to interfere with essential production.' And there would be actual sabotage — bridges, factories and installations blown up.

"'We should not be lulled,' he writes, 'into a belittling of this danger by the fact that similar efforts were unsuccessful when made by Nazi agents in the last war. The numbers of the latter were small, their techniques crude and their identification easy compared with the disciplined army of Communist agents, many of them American citizens who may be expected to work against the nation in the event of war with a Communist power.'"

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POPE Prus declared that, commencing with December 24, 1949, the following twelve months are to be called a Holy Year by the Roman Catholic Church. It is of more than passing interest to note that back of this pronouncement, making 1950 a jubilee year for Roman Catholics, is the life-and-death struggle now going on between the Catholic Church and Communism. Vatican scholars recognize that Roman Catholicism faces its most difficult period since the Reformation and they are admitting that a major crisis faces Christendom that could end in the complete collapse of present ecclesiastical authority and power.

Chronology indicates there is a Divine providence continually operating in human affairs and that men in all their planning follow a definite pattern. The selection of 1950 as a Holy Year by Pope Pius may well be a year of tremendous portent in the meting out of judgment, for this is destined to come upon the hierarchy of all ecclesiastical systems whether they are Catholic, Protestant or Jewish, as well as upon the multiplicity of religious cults

scattered throughout all lands. None are to escape this judgment.

It has been pointed out in former issues of Destiny that the military and political might of Babylon passed away with the close of World War II.* The two remaining phases of Babylonian activity, represented in the economic and ecclesiastical systems of man, are now due for judgment. The question that arises is, Will they be brought before the Divine bar of justice together? It is possible that final judgment will be meted out upon both at about the same time, for judgment upon either will have tremendous repercussions upon the other.

Ecclesiastical stability is so tied to economic well-being today that often the bank account, rather than the Spirit of the Lord, influences the extent of religious activities and sustains church organization. Paid organists, singers, janitors, social and religious workers, with budget requirements for maintenance that would compare very favorably with the overhead of many business establishments — all would suffer a tremendous set-back in a great economic collapse. Only where the Spirit of the Lord abundantly energizes the members of a church or religious movement will that organization be able to continue to bear witness through its services and by its testimony after the present economy comes to judgment.

The early Church, without financial means, and whose members were completely lacking in worldly goods, were able, in the power of the Spirit, to spread the knowledge of the Gospel throughout the then-known world. Today the Church considers itself wealthy, but the message that is addressed to this wealthy organization by our Lord is:

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Rev. 3:15-16.)

In this message to the present Church, which boasts of its wealth and thinks itself in need of nothing, is the warning that it is actually spiritually bankrupt. Is it a mere coincidence that the very year chronology indicates judgment is to be intensified upon the economic structure is also the year that Pope Pius has selected for a Catholic Jubilee celebration? The twelve months of 1950 may prove to be a most inauspicious time for any rejoicing, not only on the part of Catholicism, but for all organized Christianity as well, as God moves to cleanse the earth of all false doctrines and the subversion of His Word.

FEAR OF THE SMEAR

How often have you seen children run to escape being called names? There was the familiar ditty: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me," which was the defense of little boys and girls against name-calling. It was their way of pretending they really didn't care what their playmates called them, although they did, of course. But when boys and girls grow into manhood and womanhood, they should be able to put aside such childish practices.

Unfortunately, this is not the case with the great majority today insofar as this kind of ridicule is concerned. The enemies of truth and righteousness are fully aware of this. All that the subversive groups need to do today is to make

^{*}See "End of Gentile Rule," DESTINY for July 1945.

the public believe someone is a Nazi, a Fascist or anti-Semitic and the mere labeling is enough to condemn without a hearing the individual or group so marked. It is not only childish but stupid for people to allow namecalling to pass for evidence against a person's character or a group's activities, but that is exactly what is being done today. Millions of otherwise sensible Americans are allowing themselves to be prejudiced against others on no more evidence than an uncomplimentary name, often used through spite or prejudice, or applied to smear those whose testimony is feared by the smearer.

Name-calling has become a very convenient way to keep the public from becoming informed about the truth for it certainly prevents men from accepting and weighing evidence at its true value. An adverse label blinds the eyes of the public to the truth and interferes with an honest and

impartial consideration of all the facts.

When the history of these days is finally written, one of the most conspicuous blots upon the records of the intelligence of the men and women of our time will be the credulity with which they accepted an adverse label in place of evidence and thus unjustly condemned others without even granting them a hearing. Coming generations will marvel at our stupidity when the whole story of the work of the smear artists becomes known in all of its subtlety.

Name-calling and ridicule are the weapons of those who cannot meet the issues and are in mortal fear of being exposed for what they really are. By these methods they hope to keep the public from accepting as reliable the men and women who are thus labeled. The enemy within is underhanded and completely unscrupulous and uses this technique to cover his tracks so that he may continue

his planning and carry on his evil work.

After all, is a man anti-Semitic just because, in reporting the news and pointing out current trends, he must, in order to be factual, refer to the activity of certain individuals of a particular race? Is one a Nazi or a Fascist just because he is in opposition to the evils of Communism? Is a man against the welfare of any race just because he sincerely opposes the evils of mongrelization? One would think so from the propaganda flowing from the Anti-Defamation League, an evil and subversive branch of the B'nai B'rith, and from the Daily Worker, fellow travelers and Communist sympathizers in our colleges.

Just as children flee from name-calling, so public servants, politicians and others are in fear of being adversely labeled by the Pearsons and the Winchells, spokesmen for such subversive organizations as the Anti-Defamation

League.

Men of courage are sorely needed who will not fear the malicious tongue of these smear artists, but who will have the stamina to stand up and be counted on the side of righteousness regardless of the subversive endeavor to ridicule them. Actually, why not do a little ridiculing of these ridiculers? After all, what they fear is the truth. Let us take off the gloves and pull no punches and these charlatans will soon run for cover, particularly so if the same publicity is given to the truth that they are now able to give to error. A coward appears brave when he is armed and his victim is not. Give the victims of these smear artists the same facilities to talk back and present the facts and radio commentators and others would hesitate before undertaking to smear those who are now defenseless.

WATER FAMINE

HUMANITY CONTINUES to take God's bounties for granted and is prone to forget to thank Him for His blessings. It is not until God withholds what he has so generously supplied that men are suddenly made aware of their full

dependence upon Him.

The United States of America has been a land blessed with great national resources, not the least of these being an abundance of water to care for all our needs. But today there has been a marked lowering of water levels in many parts of our country and the great city of New York is facing a serious water shortage. When the construction of the great reservoirs for supplying that city with its water were completed a few years ago men boasted that they had made adequate provision for the city's needs for the next fifty years. Today the city faces a water famine.

It was just 2,850 years ago that Elijah the Prophet went before Ahab and informed him that a drought would afflict the land of Israel because of a great spiritual apostasy, for the nation had turned away from God. For three and a half years there was neither dew nor rain in the land and the drought was not broken until the people repudiated Baalism and recognized God, affirming, "The

Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God."

Anglo-Saxondom is today in the grip of the greatest apostasy the Christian world has ever known. Is history repeating itself as God moves to compel His people to recognize Him? Is there merely coincidence in the fact that Elijah made use of atomic fire * in that ancient time and that the secret of this atomic fire has again been made known to man at a time of spiritual apostasy comparable with the conditions that existed in Elijah's day? Is the patience and long-suffering of God now ending in judgment as He moves to bring pressure upon us for our refusal to believe Him, heed His Word and respect the one day in seven set aside for worship?

Are we as a nation now about to reap the results of having sown seeds of impiety, skepticism and unbelief, flaunting God's laws and disregarding His commandments? It is certain that one of our principal sins is that we have made the Lord's Sabbath a day of profit and one in which men seek entertainment, making it a day of play and sports. It is well to remember Paul's warning:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Gal. 6: 7.)

A nation cannot escape the results of its failure to keep the laws of righteousness, for without exception all the prophets of the Lord declare judgment will come upon a people who forget their God. The lowering of water levels in our land, affecting many towns and cities, is only the beginning of the pressure evidencing Divine displeasure as God's hand begins to rest heavily upon us. That pressure will continue to increase until we humbly acknowledge Him as our forefathers finally did. There will be no relief from multiplied troubles until we do.

How much pressure must we yet endure before, as a nation, we exclaim, "The Lord, he is the God." Much, much more than we have yet endured will be necessary to stir the people spiritually if we are to judge from the overall attitude which manifests itself in a spirit of indifference

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(We have a standard unit of length, the yardstick; a fixed measure of capacity, the gallon; a unit of weight, the pound; but we still lack—

A Standard Unit for Wealth

ED. NOTE: This article originally appeared in DESTINY for February 1943 and is being reprinted to emphasize the fact that the present tampering with monetary values demonstrates an imperative need for a standard measure of wealth that will be beyond the power of politicians to manipulate for political purposes. That standard must fix values that will compel all, including governments, to live within their means and no power must be vested in anyone to control, regulate or change the monetary standard of true values. The restitution of the administration of the whole Law of the Lord is essential for the cure of all economic ills, and an integral part of that administration will be the establishment of just such a standard of value.

N ALL TRANSACTIONS between men in every field of commercial activity and international trade there must be a standard unit of value that is capable of measuring wealth in goods, services and possessions. Only when that unit of value is a scale that remains constant can there be an equitable and just exchange of goods or services.

There is great need in the world for such a unit of value. Our nation has long recognized and accepted a standard of lineal measure which does not vary in length - the yardstick; and a standard of weight that is constant the pound; as well as the measure of capacity - the gallon. Men are forbidden to lengthen or shorten the yard or to increase or diminish the pound. They may measure out more or less material, or give greater or less volume by weight, but the measure itself is constant and does not fluctuate. A yard is a yard and a pound is a pound the world around. The lineal value of one and the specific gravity of the other never change.

Think for a moment what would happen if, after setting the standard of length and weight, we varied these measures from time to time by legislative enactment. The resulting uncertainty would bring about a lack of confidence in present, past and future holdings, resulting in so much confusion that the entire economic structure of men would collapse.

Although we recognize the need for a standard, fixed unit of measure, weight and capacity in dealing in goods, we have lost sight of the fact that there is a fourth measure just as important and necessary in a sound economic structure. This is a fixed standard of value. Thus, in an economic structure which would bring justice to both the producer and the consumer, which would establish perfect and equitable distribution of wealth, four essential measures are absolutely necessary: a fixed, unvarying standard of length, weight, capacity and value.

Our forefathers recognized this need when, in writing the Constitution, they stated that Congress shall have the power to "coin money [not print it], regulate the value thereof and of foreign coin"; also, to "fix the standard of weights and measures." The standard of weights and measures has been fixed. But every effort made to get Congress to assume its constitutional authority over the measure of value; that is, over the coinage of money, has met with such strong opposition that the question itself is rarely brought into open session and publicly debated.

Why?

What is value?

It is a ratio, a ratio between demand and supply.

Unfortunately, this situation continues to exist because powerful interests find their financial advantage in a standard of value that fluctuates, and is made to fluctuate, thus enabling them to manipulate the monetary and economic systems of the world so that they may gain thereby. The tremendous resources and power, acquired as a result of this situation, have always been arrayed against all constructive moves for the people, including any move made for a sound money system which would be a true and constant

measure of value. If we win the war and fail to dislodge these money manipulators by instituting sound money with a stabilized unit of value, which will remain as constant as the measure of length and the specific gravity in weight, we will have lost the economic battle; and destitution, want and war will continue to be the lot of the people and nations of the earth.

However, we feel that this war will not only end in a victory by arms over military dictators but that, before it closes, we will have gained an even greater victory in dislodging the financial dictators from their position through the institution of a standard of value which will be beyond their power to ever again manipulate to the disadvantage of men; by which means in the past they have acquired much stolen wealth. But America must know the way out before steps can be taken against the subtle and evil scheming of those who are even now purposing to use the present conflict to strengthen their strangle hold over the financial structure of the world.

Congress must move to carry out the constitutional requirements to coin money and regulate its value. To coin money means to stamp a piece of metal as to weight and fineness. To regulate its value is to operate on either the demand for, or the supply of, the metal the coin is stamped in. To change the gold content of the dollar is to recoin not to regulate. Once Congress coins money and regulates its value, it will have a marked result upon world finance. It has been the failure on the part of Congress to do so in the past which has been responsible for depressions and many of our economic troubles - causing sorrow and suffering for millions of our citizens.

People speak of currency as an interchangeable term for money, but they are not the same. Money is metal—such as gold, silver and copper—coined or stamped, and issued as money to serve as a medium of ex-

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change, a measure of value, and a storage of wealth. Currency includes token coins, government notes and bank notes. To put it another way, money has value in itself, being a unit of wealth which automatically measures other value in terms of its own intrinsic value. Currency comprises tokens for money and promises to pay money, representing bank or government obligations to pay in money the face value of paper or notes which by law have been made legal tender. Currency can be a medium of exchange but not a measure of value or a reserve of value.

Let the light of unrelenting publicity be thrown upon the past and present evils of high finance, and let the sordid story of its past and present manipulations and the methods by which they have been accomplished be told to our people, and they will arise in their anger and compel action that will destroy an evil which has been responsible, according to John in Revelation, for the death of prophets, saints and all who have been slain upon the earth (Rev. 18: 24).

We are fighting a global war of terrific intensity. But it will be easier to win the war of arms than to overcome the forces of financial evil which will not even hesitate to throw the entire world into economic chaos before they will willingly relinquish the power to manipulate and control money.

One of the questions often asked regarding the coming new order is, What shall we use for money? This question is a result of fear engendered by the coming collapse of our present economic structure, as we know it, and a change in the use of gold as it has operated in the past in our financial structure.

It is impossible to have a sound currency system until there is a stable measure of value; in other words, a sound money unit! For centuries, gold and silver have been used as money. By weight, these metals were the unit of value in ancient transactions. Abraham gave, in weight, four hundred shekels of silver for the cave of Machpelah. He was rich in flocks and in herds and also in silver and gold. Isaac, and later Jacob, were listed as possessing such wealth; and we are told that David, King of Israel, paid fifty shekels of silver for a threshing floor; and later, six hundred shekels of gold for the entire field in which the threshing floor was located.

Silver and gold were thus used as a medium of exchange, having an inherent value by weight and thus representing the value of goods, services and property in all business transactions.

Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, sought to change the monetary system of the world when he gathered the financial representatives of all nations at Babylon in the first great economic conference of which we have any record. There he instituted gold as the standard of value, demonetized silver, and pronounced the death sentence for anyone who would refuse to abide by his ruling (Dan. 3: 1-6). He had succeeded in cornering the world's gold supply through world conquest and then he proposed to retain world control by instituting gold, not only as the standard, but to be the only metal to serve as money. Thus, he who could control gold would control through gold world economics, the price of goods and the market value of property and land. This Babylonian system, instituted by Nebuchadnezzar, has continued to this day.

Having demonetized silver and made gold the only real money, or coin of the realm, there came into being a monetary system which could be manipulated. Silver, which had served naturally to act as a balance for gold, had been removed from this function. Gold and silver without government restraint react like coal and oil or other competing commodities; they stabilize each other. But in the case of gold and silver stabilization was all the more important because they measured other values. The control of gold gave control over prices, and control over prices gave power over the possessions of others. This system has brought economic evil upon the earth to all coun-

tries and peoples.

By setting up gold alone as money there was instituted a rigid, inflexible monetary system. Thus, in accord with the law of supply and demand, instead of an increase in money or monetary wealth with the increase in goods, and instead of a decrease in money or monetary wealth with the decrease in goods, prices fluctuated because of a rigid gold standard, regardless of the actual value of goods. This price fluctuation is the result of the failure of money, not currency, to expand in supply with the increase in goods or demand for money and to diminish with a decrease in goods, services and possessions. Those in control of gold were

also able, because of this fact, to manipulate the price level and bring on periods of depression. Thus, they continually dominate the purchasing power of money, the price level, regardless of the actual value of the thing purchased.

What is the remedy? Congress must act and assume its constitutional authority to coin money and regulate its value. To regulate the value in respect to a measuring unit is to stabilize it: which, if the coin is gold, means for Congress to provide legislation to keep the world value of gold stable as a commodity. Once that value has been stabilized, then we will have a unit of value which must not be tampered with nor changed, any more than it would be right to change the standard of weights and measures.

But how shall we enable money to expand and contract so that it will keep the Biblical requirement that goods shall have a value in a unit of measure that is constant? If this can be done, then the actual value in goods, services and possessions can be measured in a unit which will record a true and accurate relationship between all wealth, whether rendered in service or represented by goods and possessions. It will also record changes in value of each constituent of that wealth. Anciently, with gold functioning together with silver and maintaining a balance in the value of both, men had the required amount of money in circulation at all times for the transaction of business. Can this again be accomplished and sufficient money be put into circulation to meet all requirements of changing demand for money without dislocating its value in terms of property?

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When it is recognized that the separation of gold and silver from operating together in the monetary structure was accomplished by Nebuchadnezzar for the purpose of control, the continuation of that separation serves only one purpose - continuation of control! The fact that we acquired our present system through the lust for control accounts for the fact that that control still exists and is one of the main reasons for the difficulties in the way of remedying the situation.

But, before true and lasting prosperity can be ours, we must return to the original method by which gold and silver functioned together. From the fact of its original operation we have a clue as to the solution of our money

problem and a method which can be applied to our modern system of finance by which the price level can be stabilized. The volume of individual commodities will always fluctuate as the demand will regulate the supply. Price levels, however, will be maintained through the volume of coined silver, which will be a true gauge of the change in commodity volume. This will provide a yardstick that will show that the change is in the commodities themselves, not in the yardstick.

If the proper use is established for gold and silver so that the supply of money can be adjusted to the demand for money, we have the solution to the age-long problem of price stabilization and will be in possession of a medium of exchange that can expand and contract in accord with requirements.

What must be done to secure the blessings of a measure or unit of value that can thus operate as the basis of our money system? First Congress, under mandate of the Constitution, must set a standard of value equivalent to the existing standards of weight and measure. Gold is an ideal metal for this purpose but should not be abused as it has been abused in the past, exposed to manipulation as it has been, but instead used as a unit of value by legislating a permanent gold content for the dollar after stabilizing the value of gold as a world commodity. When this has once been done, then that standard must remain constant and neither Congress nor anyone else should have further authority or power to tamper with it or change it, just as they keep from tampering with the yard and gallon or from changing the pound weight. We would then have four standard measures, all of which are absolutely essential in the carrying on of trade and commerce in our economic structure - a measure of length, a measure of weight, a measure of capacity and a measure of value. Leave any one of these out - or make any one of them uncertain or subject to variation - and we will be faced with immediate economic problems which cannot be solved.

With the gold content of the dollar as the standard of value, when the demand for money increases, silver should be used as a stabilizer in a scientific manner proposed to the Congress in a bill. Its value would be measured by gold, the standard of value set by Congress, and a sufficient quantity of silver would be monetized

and placed in the money supply to meet the sudden demands made upon gold. This would not be bimetalism, for the value of silver would not be set but would be measured wholly by the unit value of gold and monetized in accordance with that value, which would be the market value of silver. Thus there would be one unit or standard or value only. gold, and the use of silver in terms of the gold dollar would regulate the purchasing power of gold. Money would therefore always have an intrinsic but stable value and thus, through the proper action of Congress, the price level would be stabilized.

When there came an increased demand for gold, as reflected in a slightly rising commodity index, silver would be purchased in the needed amount, monetized at market value and placed in circulation as part of our monetary system and this would act as though there had been an increase in the volume of gold. This method, which could be reversed if prices declined, would expand the monetary system to meet any and every demand made upon it by increased prosperity and production or artificial demand; while the price for goods, services and property would be stabilized. This expansion or contraction of the monetary system would keep the balance against changing demands made upon gold, and men could work and build, labor and trade, knowing that their labors would be rewarded in money of a sound and intrinsic worth without fear of depreciation in its purchasing value.

How different it is today! Under the present system, without a definite standard of the measure of value, and no means to adequately expand our money to meet increased demands, there is no balance wheel and we have violent oscillation in prices, not only in goods but in labor as well. On the other hand, with a definite unit of value, the volume of money in gold can be regulated through increasing or diminishing gold equivalents in silver in accord with changing demand

With a stabilized unit value, certificates of deposit for gold coin and for silver bullion at market value could be issued against the gold and silver in the treasury. All other paper money should be reorganized in accordance with economic needs, not political dictates. Today tremendous

unearned profits are made in the issuance and manipulation of the paper money now in circulation.

Because today a fixed standard of value protected from manipulation is lacking, the value of money can be doubled as in 1930-31, and thus property values are cut in half. This destroys collateral values and credits, which in turn causes forced sales of property of all kinds, so property itself loses more value. The reverse is also true. Through the same type of manipulation, money can be cut in value with a resultant increase in property prices, so that those who are thus able to scheme and manipulate can first depress prices and later increase them at a tremendous profit. Such is the situation today because Congress has failed in, or has been prevented from, establishing a standard of value in terms of property (not paper) in accord with constitutional requirements.

Opposition to the institution of sound money and a return to a balanced monetary system, with the money supply expanding and contracting in accord with demand, will meet with violent objection as all those who have approached the solution of this problem well know. Powerful interests which have made the present system yield them billions of dollars in surreptitious profits are not going to let the people or their Congress change that system without a fight. They are opposed to sound money and an adequate credit system where sterling character and enterprise will enable men to secure credit and carry on successful business transactions free from fear of confiscation and the destruction of their possessions by periodic depressions engineered by financial parasites.

But until, as a nation, we return to a monetary system based on a stable unit of value, allowing the supply to expand and contract in accord with the demand to keep the value constant, there can be no economic peace nor freedom from destitution and want in our land. Those who are responsible for the present situation and its continuation are greater enemies of our nation than even the dictators, evil as they are.

True wealth is represented in our possessions. And a true standard, an unvarying unit of value for measuring that wealth, is essential if our people are to be prosperous, happy and free.

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everywhere. The attitude of the people toward the Lord's Day is always a barometer of the spiritual life of the nation. Public opinion concerning the observance of that Day as holy to the Lord is at an all-time low, a fact that bodes ill for the prosperity and peace of our country.

THE DEVIL'S MASTERPIECES

FICTION WRITERS, scholars and producers of text books for use in schools and colleges are endeavoring to disprove much that the Bible teaches, subverting its doctrines and belittling the character of its heroes. If we were to accept as factual much of this published material, one might as well discard the Bible entirely, ignore its revelation and disregard its precepts and teachings as the delirious dreams of demented men who were incapable of reporting facts or speaking the truth.

The Devil has been active in this field and has had marked success through the publication of the type of literature that destroys the faith of many in the story the Bible tells. Having accomplished this, the "father of lies" has turned his attention to using art to further defame the great men of Bible history. These men must now be portrayed as unlovable personalities, visionary and impracti-

cal, even utterly uncouth and repulsive.

In Time Magazine for October 10, 1949 four pages were devoted to portraits of Old Testament personalities painted by the artist Guy Rowe for the recently-published book titled In Our Image. Before us as we write is this artist's conception of Abraham, the friend of God, and of Moses standing before the burning bush. Do these characterizations by Rowe really represent the type of men who were members of the ancient order of master shepherds, used by the Lord to lead His people in the paths of right-eousness? Indeed they do not!

Surely there must be rejoicing in hell itself in having Moses portrayed as nothing more or less than a desert rat, the sight of whom, as depicted by this artist, would never inspire confidence or suggest his role as a man chosen by God to found the Kingdom of God at Mt. Sinai. Is this a picture of the man of whom the Divine Record states, "His face did shine," and even at the time of his death, "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." A man who would command the respect of kings and was a leader among leaders of men never looked as this artist has pictured Moses.

Referring to the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord, Moses was told that God would raise up one "like unto thee." Surely there can be no resemblance in personality or appearance between this artist's conception of Moses and Jesus Christ who was to be "like unto" the great lawgiver!

Such a picturization of Bible personalities on the part of a modern artist is the product of completely warped mental perception, partly because of modern teachings concerning the Scriptures and partly due to the erroneous theory that makes the people of the Book all Jews. This latter error is an assumption with no foundation in fact, but is the result of the failure on the part of the Christian Church to recognize the Jews as we know them today to be only a small fraction of the descendants of the tribe of Judah. Many of the so-called Jews of our time are not even of the seed of Abraham but are of Asiatic Mongolian extraction.

If this artist's conception of Joseph's brethren is a true picture, then the men who headed the tribes of Israel were

vicious, sensuous and very evil. God, who chose men for their quality of character and abilities, never selected such a group of cutthroats as the progenitors of the people who were to function upon earth as His Kingdom and to whom ultimate world rulership, in the establishment of righteousness, was to be entrusted.

Most of the portrayals by Rowe seem to be of wrinkled old men. Jeremiah is shown to be a fanatic and a dreamer well along in years. Actually, Jeremiah was a mere youth in his early twenties when God called him and, even when his mission in Palestine was completed, he was still in the prime of life, for his real work lay ahead of him in lands

far removed from Jerusalem.

When ultimately we shall know the truth, it will be found that the men God selected to perform assigned tasks were mostly young men or men in the prime of life. The modern conception of the disciples of our Lord at the last supper as old men is another travesty upon the actual facts. They were young men, most of them under thirty years of age.

The devil must be delighted with all these portraits which are masterpieces of deception for which, unrealized by the artists, he alone furnished the inspiration.

JOSHUA'S LONG DAY

IN DESTINY FOR November 1946 the article titled "When the Earth Turned Over," with accompanying diagrams, proffered a possible solution to the enigma of Joshua's "long day." It was stated that an interstellar visitor coming into our solar system could have caused the earth to turn over without affecting its present axis rotation. Harper's for January 1950 features an article titled "The Day the Sun Stood Still," quoting Dr. I. Velikovsky as stating that this day was caused by just such an interstellar visitor.

It is a known fact that after intervals of thousands of electronic years the orbit of an electron will shift when the atom emits a quantum of energy. Dr. Velikovsky indicates that, just as the electron will drop to an orbit nearer the nucleus, or central sun, of the atom when its year is shortened, or the reverse when its year is lengthened, so the position of the earth in relation to the sun changed as a result of the interference causing Joshua's long day. Thus, the movements of electrons in the atom actually establish a pattern that is applicable to our solar system.

Are we now approaching the day when the earth is to make a similar shift again to either lengthen or shorten the year? Will this bring about the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, "The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage" (Isa. 24: 20)? Time may soon provide the answer to our question.

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The Stones of Israel

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ROM THE VERY beginning of Israelitish history stones have held a place of peculiar significance in the sacred record. In relation to the House of Jacob, stone symbolizes a sure foundation, a Kingdom not made with the hands and mind of man.

A stone was anointed and used as an altar of worship by Jacob, the founder of the House of Israel. It was a symbol of communion and of a covenant between God and Jacob. When Jacob left his father's house on the journey to Padanaram, God met him on the way and revealed Himself in a dream and a beautiful vision of a ladder which reached from earth to heaven. Jacob was so impressed by the wonderful revelation that he took the stone upon which he had slept and set it up for an altar. He called the name of the place Bethel and declared, "This stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's House." Thus, the stone of Jacob became an emblem of destiny, a visible sign of the covenant God confirmed to Jacob in that place, when

"I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of." (Gen. 28: 13–15.)

Twenty years later, when Jacob left Padanaram with his household, he encamped once more at Bethel. The God of Abraham and Isaac met him there again and said:

"Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.... I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins." (Gen. 35: 10–11.)

Then a second time Jacob — now Israel — set up an altar of stone, dedicating this time, not only himself, but the whole family of Israel to the service of God and the keeping of His holy covenant.

It was on stone that God committed the Ten Commandments to Israel. Nothing else could have served so well to typify their perpetual existence and validity. In Exodus 24: 12 and 31: 18 we read:

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

"And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God."

These commandments, engraved first on stone, are now engraved on the minds and in the hearts of Christians everywhere. They are the standard of conduct for the peoples of Western civilization.

Furthermore, stone was used in Israel as a memorial and witness to God's intervention and special miracles on behalf of His dedicated servant people. When Joshua succeeded Moses as leader of the Israelites, his first problem was to cross the Jordan River. As Joshua considered how to proceed, the Lord announced that it was His purpose to effect the crossing in a manner which would magnify Joshua in the sight of all Israel. Joshua laid the Lord's plan before the people as follows:

"Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God. . . . Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you. ... Behold the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan. Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap. . . .

"And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest.) that the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan." (Josh. 3: 9, 11-17.)

After crossing the river, Joshua, at the Lord's command, directed twelve men to take from the Jordan twelve stones, on which the priests had stood, and set them up as a "memorial unto the children of Israel forever." Moreover, Joshua explained how these stones were to be used as a sign among them to instruct their children in the years to come. The narrative of the Jordan miracle closes with these words:

"And he [Joshua] spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. For the Lord your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the Lord your God did to The Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: that all the people of the earth might know the hand

of the Lord, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the Lord your God for ever." (Josh. 4: 21-24.)

We digress at this point to insert Sir Charles Marston's explanation of the way in which the waters of Jordan were restrained for the Israelites to cross. In his book, *The Bible Comes* Alive,* Sir Charles writes:

"The camp of the Israelites had long been pitched on the plain of Shittim when Joshua succeeded to their leadership. Shittim was situated on the east side of Jordan, nearly opposite Jericho, and about an equal distance from that river. The anticipations of tourists are shocked if they first see the Jordan in this neighborhood. They expect a river clear as crystal; instead, they face an opaque, earthy-colored stream. Nevertheless the color supplies the clue to the miracle of the crossing by Joshua and the army of Israel.

"Some sixteen miles higher up, the Jordan flows through deep clay banks; and these, beside coloring the stream, have a way of crumbling into it, and impeding its course. When an earthquake shook Palestine as recently as A.D. 1927, these clay banks collapsed to such an extent that the Jordan ceased to flow for twenty-two hours. Similar seismic disturbances three thousand three hundred odd years earlier, on one day held back the river for the Israelites to cross its bed; and on another shook down the walls for the Israelites to enter Jericho." (pp. 59–60.)

The Israelites moved on to possess the Promised Land according to God's plan. Joshua was mindful that the Lord God of hosts was with them to give the army of Israel victory all along the line of march. Although Joshua was a man of outstanding military prowess, he was also an obedient and spiritually-minded servant of the Lord. Joshua records as follows how he commemorated the conquest of Ai:

"Then Joshua built an altar unto the Lord God of Israel in mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings. And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel." (Josh. 8: 30–32.)

One of the great scenes in the Bible is found in Joshua 24. God's soldier, Joshua, had finished his work. He gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and delivered to them his last charge. He reviewed briefly their remarkable history; he called them to consider the evil ways into which they had fallen; he challenged them to stand up and be counted for the Lord: "Choose you this day whom you will serve." The people responded with this pledge: "We will serve the Lord." Then Joshua said to them:

"Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel. And the people said unto Joshua, the Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

"And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God." (Josh. 24: 22–27.)

Many years later an altar of stones witnessed the presence and power of God among the ten tribes of the Kingdom of Israel. It was in the days of Ahab and Jezebel that the prophet Elijah challenged the priests of Baal to a showdown on Mount Carmel. At the end of a tortuous day Baal's priests admitted defeat; they had not been able to elicit a response from their gods. Elijah then made preparation as follows to prove the reality and might of Israel's God:

"And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord." (I Kings 18: 30–32.)

Elijah's God responded with a miracle of flame which consumed the sacrifice, the wood, the water in the trenches, the ground, and even the very stones of the altar.

Stone is also the emblem of God's imperishable Kingdom on earth. Daniel prophesied the rise of this inde-

structible Stone Kingdom when he interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's disturbing dream of a great image. After giving a description of the image, Daniel said to the king:

"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces . . . and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." (Dan. 2: 34-35.)

The golden head of the image, Daniel explained, represented Nebuchadnezzar's mighty Babylonian Empire, then at the height of its glory; but it would soon decline and surrender its power to an inferior kingdom, portrayed by the silver breast and arms of the image. This was fulfilled when Babylon was overcome by the Medes and Persians. In turn the Medo-Persian Empire succumbed to Greece - symbolized by the brass thighs of the image - during the military campaigns of Alexander the Great. Later the Grecian Empire surrendered its sovereignty to the pagan power of Rome, represented in the image by legs of iron and feet of part iron and part clay. Of the stone, or fifth, kingdom which would arise and fill the whole earth, the prophet declared:

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretaion thereof sure." (Dan. 2: 44-45.)

Silently but surely God was setting up His Kingdom "in the days of these kings." It is depicted first as a stone not chiseled by the hand of man, a most fitting emblem for the fifth kingdom which originated in the mind of God and was ordained to develop, albeit unconsciously, according to His plan and purpose. Later, after the collapse of the four empires portrayed by the image, this fifth empire is to become a great mountain and fill the whole earth.

The ten tribes of Israel were deported to Assyria some one hundred and twenty years before the Neo-

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Babylonian Kingdom reached its zenith. Babylon was the "Lady of Kingdoms" (Isa. 47:5) during the first half of the sixth century B.C. The breakup of the Ninevite Empire in 612 B.C. had been the signal for a revolt of all the states that the Assyrian colossus had dominated. It was also the signal for the captive Israelites to make their escape and begin migrating westward - a process which continued by slow stages through many centuries and through many lands. The countries in which they sojourned along the way were enriched by their genius, only to diminish in prestige and influence as the Covenant People moved onward toward their ultimate destination. The real history of these Bible people who lost their identity -"the lost sheep of the house of Israel" - has yet to be written. Migrating under various names, their presence was often a deciding factor among nations "in the days of these kings" referred to in Daniel's prophecy. They are the unknown equation which baffles historians to this day.

It was not until the decline of both civil and papal sovereignty in the Roman Empire that a new and mightier empire emerged. It was then that the Anglo-Saxons came into prominence as a world power and eventually spread beyond the bounds of any former sovereign state. The rise of Anglo-Saxon power began in the British Isles and ran "over the wall" (Gen. 49: 22) into the United States of America; simultaneously it expanded and developed the far-flung Dominions of the British Commonwealth - thereby completing an extraordinary fulfillment of Genesis 28: 14 and 35: 11.

It is truly an interesting and significant fact that Great Britain is the only nation in all history to cherish a stone as the sacred symbol of an empire. A rough old stone of dark purplish-red sandstone, 26 inches long, 16 inches broad and 101/2 inches deep, reposes today beneath the seat of the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey. It is the British Coronation Stone, the most sacred relic in the empire. It is commonly called Jacob's Pillow; the ancient Scots referred to it as the Stone of Destiny; and their Irish ancestors named it the Lia Fail. W. T. F. Jarrold quotes the Rev. Commander Roberts as saying:

"When visiting London it would cheer the hearts of all true believers in the inspiration of God's Word to enter Westminster Abbey, and on being shown around to listen to the words of the Sacristan as you enter Henry VII's Chapel (in the Chapel of Edward the Confessor): 'Here we have Jacob's Pillow.' You then look up and see inscribed on the arch surrounding the chair in which the stone is placed: 'This is god's house.' Your memory goes back to Genesis 28: 22: 'And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.'" (Our Great Heritage.)

And Dean Stanley, in his Memorials of Westminster Abbey, says:

"The chief object of attraction to this day, to the innumerable visitors to the Abbey, is probably that ancient Irish monument of the Empire known as the Coronation Stone. . . . It is the one primeval monument which binds together the whole Empire. . . . The iron rings, the battered surface, the crack which has all but rent its solid mass asunder, bear witness to its long migrations. . . . The sentiment of the nation has, through a hundred generations of living men, made it felt that Jacob's Pillar Stone was a thing worth dying for in battle. By the Treaty of Northampton in 1328, the emeralds, pearls and rubies were carried off without a murmur. But the Ragged Old Stone -Oh no! - the Londoners would have died for that! The Stone of Scone, on which it was the custom for the kings of Scotland to be set at their Coronation, the Londoners would on no account suffer to be sent away."

If this is the same stone which Jacob-Israel anointed; if it is the Pillar Stone which the Israelites carried on their wilderness journeys; if it is the same stone which witnessed the crowning of the Davidic kings in Jerusalem — why does it now belong to the British section of the Anglo-Celtic-Saxon House of Joseph? Undoubtedly that question is answered in the last clause of Genesis 49: 24, when the passage is correctly interpreted. We believe that the following from Anglo-Saxon Israel, by Dr. Adam Rutherford, is a satisfactory explanation:

"Jacob, while on his deathbed in Egypt, called his sons and prophesied to them concerning their posterity in the last days. In his words to Joseph (Gen. 49: 22-26) there is a parenthetic expression peculiarly translated, 'From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel.' The Hebrew word here translated 'thence' is used also in reference to time (see Gesenius' Hebrew Lexicon); and the Hebrew word translated 'shepherd' is the present participle of the verb 'to shepherd,' thus signifying 'to take care of,'

'to keep.' So we find that some scholars give a better translation thus, 'From thence is the shepherding of the Stone of Israel'; also the rendering, 'From that time he [Joseph] kept the Stone of Israel.'

"These dying words of Jacob indicate two things. First, that Jacob (Israel) bequeathed his treasured Stone to Joseph. Secondly, bearing in mind that these words concerning the Stone of Israel are part of a prophecy which is plainly declared to apply fully to 'the last days' (verse 1), they also indicate that the Stone would be found in the care and keeping of Joseph's offspring 'in the last days' when Joseph, as represented by his posterity, would be 'a fruitful bough.'" (pp. 79–80.)

Joseph is indeed a fruitful bough today as a great nation and a company of nations, in exact fulfillment of the remarkable prophecy in Genesis 48 concerning Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Yes, "there will always be an England" — and a United States of America — because we are the House of Joseph and the fifth kingdom, the Stone Kingdom, of Daniel's prophecy. The sacred Pillar Stone of Israel is in London because the throne of David is there; but it is our heritage, too, a symbol of our Divine birthright.

God's use of stone as a witness in the twentieth century is to many students the most fascinating of all subjects. The Great Pyramid of Egypt is regarded by an increasing number of eminent scientists as such a witness. They are convinced that the astounding scientific symbolism of its stone passageways not only demonstrates God's foreknowledge but reveals His plans for mankind, and the Covenant Race in particular, from the advent of Adam to the end of this present age, including also the millennial age, according to some - though not all pyramidologists.

Isaiah 19: 19-20 refers to this gigantic stone structure as an altar and a pillar at the border of Egypt, which "shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord." Jesus Himself mentions it, and associates it with His own work, when denouncing the chief priests and elders in the striking parables of Matthew 21. We quote verses 42-45:

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them."

Peter, speaking to the Jews at Jerusalem, makes a reference to the capstone of the Pyramid and relates it significantly to the Lord Jesus Christ:

"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner." (Acts 4: 11.)

Later, in his First Epistle, addressed to the "elect" scattered abroad, Peter again uses Pyramid symbolism in reference to Christ, this time relating it particularly to the ten tribes, the Lo-ammi people of Hosea's prophecy. Verses 1–10 of the second chapter are so very essential to an understanding of important but neglected Gospel truths that it seems wise to quote them in full:

"Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

David Davidson, in the *The Path* to *Peace in Our Time*,* says of the Great Pyramid:

"The whole symbolical theme of the Great Pyramid is that it represents the eternal altar of God's sacrifice for man, and that as such it shall prove to be the sign of

man's deliverance, and the pillar of God's witness in Egypt. In the Hebrew of Isaiah 19: 19, the geographical location is precisely given as the focus or centre of the river and coast-bounded area of the Nile Delta, the precise location of the Great Pyramid being at the focus or centre of the quadrant of the Delta.

"The time of the promised great deliverance is defined, in verses 18 and 23, as the time at which 'five cities of the land of Egypt shall speak the language of Canaan,' and when 'there shall be an highway out of Egypt into Assyria.' The language of ancient Canaan was Aramaic and its modern form is Arabic, now spoken both in Canaan and Egypt. The five cities defining the Delta are Cairo, Alexandria, Rosetta, Damietta and Port Said. The highway also exists in the railway emerging from Egypt via El Qantara, passing by Damascus, Homs and Aleppo northwards and then eastwards into ancient Assyria at Mosul, whence it proceeds south-eastwards down the Tigris through the heart of ancient Assyria. We are therefore living in the days when the Great Pyramid shall prove to be, as it is already proving to be, the guiding sign of our deliverance from the threatening chaos of our time." (pp. 12-13; see footnotes also.)

Archaeology is the newest of the great sciences. God has held its evidence in reserve to refute the skepticism of these latter days. Undoubtedly our Lord had in mind the witness of archaeology when He made the puzzling statement which we find in Luke 19: 37–40. It was on the day of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem that we read:

"And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

In the main Anglo-Saxon Christians of this generation — leaders and laymen alike — "hold their peace" about "the King that cometh in the name of the Lord." There is a shameful conspiracy of silence in regard to His coming as King. In fact, our theologians and other scholars have gone to great lengths to discredit Christ's return and reign; they have even devised a conglomeration of spurious date-changing for both Old and New

Testaments in order to cast aside the testimony of prophets and apostles. Pulpits in the great cathedrals and churches of the Stone Kingdom have not heralded the approaching King. And now the stones that have been unearthed in ancient lands by the archaeologists are literally crying out against them.

For example, archaeologists have excavated monuments which show the migrations of the Israelites from Assyria to Western Europe. The character and quantity of evidence from this source is convincing to all students who have been honest enough to examine it without prejudice. Professor Chewolsen of Petrograd stated that all of some seven hundred monuments he had deciphered in the Crimea were set up by the Israelites. Let it be noted and remembered, however, that the Israelites, who migrated westward from Assyria following the seventh century B.C., were not Jews; and that they should never be confounded with the Jews of the post-Babylonian captivity period and their dispersal in 70 A.D.

Day by day archaeologists are knocking props from under the destructive critics of the Bible. These critical theories are built on the assumption that writing was either unknown or not in general use in the time of Moses and the prophets. Now there is such a mass of irrefutable evidence to the contrary that it can no longer be denied or ignored. Libraries containing documents by the thousands have been uncovered, whose dates bear witness to the fact that they were buried under the sands of Mesopotamia long before Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees.

At the turn of the present century, archaeologists were in possession of thousands of clay tablets and papyrus documents that scholars could not decipher. Then they discovered that three stones among their treasures provided clues to hitherto indecipherable writings. The Moabite Stone provided early examples of Hebrew writing. The Rosetta Stone supplied the key to Egyptian hieroglyphics, and led to an understanding of ancient Egyptian history. The Behistun Rock in Persia held the key to the ancient Persian, Susian and Babylonian languages and opened up the field of Assyriology; the inscription of this rock records the same information in

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REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS

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T IS EXTREMELY important to say that much evidence of all kinds exists to prove beyond all doubt the plans of Soviet Russia. Study of staff maps, secret directives given to staff officers, officials, agents and industry; active strategic and industrial planning; purchasing and stockpiling; all these and other signs point in one direction. The gap between what is known to certain intelligence organizations, and what is accepted by political leaders, is dangerous and wide. The public is, of course, almost entirely in the dark. The American government still seems to be misinformed or misled about Russia's atomic bomb production capacity. This may account for Mr. Truman's personal opinion that Russia will give up her aggressive plans and that Stalin can be managed. It also has point because so much of Russia's strategy is based upon surprise and fooling our public opinion for as long as possible.

Russia is not only now producing four bombs per month but the rate will increase, and she will have a considerable stockpile by 1952 or 1953. This information is of primary importance and should have a decisive influence upon our strategy. The latest expulsions of population have been ordered because within a few months—possibly a few weeks—another atom bomb is to be exploded. This time it will be a more powerful type. Russia is making considerable progress in her atomic industry, and it is far more advanced than either the American or British

governments have been told or admit.

One of the main direct threats to Britain and the United States lies in the power of Russia to launch atomic bombs from long-range submarines securely based in different parts of the world. British and U. S. dependence upon sea communications and the vulnerability of some of our greatest cities to direct attack by atomic bombs from the sea explain Russia's concentration upon a vast long-range submarine fleet and the preparation of secret bases. The vulnerability of nearly all countries of the Near, Middle and Far East is of a different kind and is open to attack by land forces. This explains Russia's retention of immense existing and potential armies. There is no immediate counter-striking force to check this in existence anywhere upon the planet.

The one thing which kept Russia in check between 1945 and 1949 was America's exclusive possession of the atomic bomb — nothing else at all. Nothing is keeping her in check now except America's continued superiority in this arm. The facts prove on the contrary that Russian science, with the help of superior secret service and German experts, has been able to solve the most abstruse and advanced problems, despite the regime, which is now over

30 years old.

Russia's over-all global strategy is well known and this knowledge comes from a study of incontrovertible evidence. There is no mystery about it at all. Able to mobilize nearly 600 divisions; producing four atomic bombs per month from the three centers engaged in the work; possessing the best arctic air force in the world and the largest long-range bomb-launching submarine fleet; at work on supersonic long-range pilotless missiles and a certain weapon in advance of the atomic bomb; Russia needs only to deprive the Atlantic Powers of bases essential to them and to effect surprise in order to point fearful weapons at the heart of our most vulnerable areas.

Unhappily, public opinion, soothed by many voices, is for the most part still inactive, and so Russia is having brilliant successes which occur with almost monotonous regularity and without severe reaction. When she thought it might mean war in circumstances unfavorable to her, Russia withdrew in Persia. Our public was at once lulled. She then crept back with the power of bribes and threats, slowly undermining the Persian regime, so that now some of its most important officials are Russian-paid servants.

Impressions From Germany

During the last two years a remarkable change has come over western Germany. The people no longer look so tense and pale. They are better dressed and they are no longer submissive. They are friendly but they meet foreigners as equals. The outward impression is one of general recovery. The average German including the present political leaders has no faith in democracy. Bonn is regarded as a passing show. Most Germans fear war and fear Communism and they are fairly certain that they will get both and before very long.

The real danger of incipient Nazism is not in its present strength or scope, but in its possibilities in alliance with

Soviet power. That danger is a very real one.

The German police have been deeply penetrated by Soviet agents and so have most of the allied services. During the last few weeks a German Chief Agent of the Abwehr, which works with the Americans, was kidnapped out of a well-guarded allied military office. A Hungarian assistant to a high Hungarian official, who works with the allies as an expert on Communist agents, was kidnapped in full daylight and carried off to the Russian zone. This sort of thing keeps everyone in line. As one German put it to our observer: "Under the new Russian technique Germany might well explode in the hands of the allies like a bomb and thus upset the best-laid plans."

Affairs In Poland

The Kremlin has ordered Warsaw to speed up the collectivization of peasant holdings. Therefore, it was necessary to purge the Party of all elements advising against hurried collectivization. In most villages the collectivization is being carried out for the time being by depriving the new settlers of their lots on the big private estates and again by running these estates as agricultural units.

The end of the truce between Church and State is expected any time. Parish priests have already been

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promised great rewards if they agree to disobey their Bishops.

A Report From Czechoslovakia

No visitor can fail to be struck by the widespread atmosphere of depression which has deepened during the last few months. It manifests itself rather differently, however, in Slovakia and the Czech lands. There are a good many roadblocks and some of the mountain areas can be visited only by special permission of the authorities, invariably refused to foreigners. Telephones and the mails are censored.

Slovakia's economic situation has deteriorated badly. Food is scarcer and dearer than last year. Prices are up and the list of rationed goods is longer. Exorbitant taxation leaves people little to spend. Extensive nationalization has slowed up all business activity even in the retail and other small trades.

There seems to be a general feeling that war is inevitable. The Czechs are more afraid of war than other eastern European countries. They are afraid that the Jachymov mines may attract one of the first atom bombs. They are, if anything, even more afraid that the Sudeten Germans may come back. Practically every Czech well knows how these Germans were massacred and tortured in 1945 and 1946. So great is this fear that many Czechs who received former German lands and houses are already trying to get rid of them and get back into purely Czech territory. There are large tracts in the Sudeten area which are becoming derelict and depopulated.

Report From Sumatra

A most reliable observer sent this news, which gives a very different story from that so widely accepted. "In the Dutch sponsored Negaras the moderates are losing ground. They see that the UN . . . is backing the Republic to the hilt, so everyone is now trying to climb on to the band wagon. Negara publications give pictures of Soekarno and Hatta. To be quite safe they manage to insert drawings in which natives are shown giving the Communist salute.

"What is to be the outcome of all this? At the worst a chaotic condition with various parties and numerous groups of armed bandits warring against each other. At the best a semi-stable native government where corruption is rife and idleness and incompetency are the order of the day. This latter is no wild conjecture for it is happening now. Where the Negara has appointed native controllers, no native with a small request can get anything done without greasing the palms of the minions in the outer office. If it is a matter of any consequence there must be something for the controller as well.

"This is a gloomy picture and I wish I could paint it otherwise, but it is better for all at home to know the truth. The best that one can hope for is that the Indonesians may speedily realize that they must maintain a Dutch civil service for a number of years, but I am afraid ill feeling may override good sense. Whatever happens the next six months will be critical in the history of Indonesia."

In the cases of Burma, Siam, Indo-China, Malaya and Indonesia the Russian General Staff has a direct and special interest in destroying all influence of the Atlantic Powers and welding those territories (by any means) into the Russian strategic system. Any amount of documentary and secret intelligence evidence proves this to the hilt. Nearly all Asia and much of Africa is in ferment under clear direction of those who are working to a strategic plan.

Central America

In South America there are about 1,250,000 Slavs who have, for the most part, kept their language, press, customs, etc. Over 70 per cent of them are organized in one way or another, especially the Russians. During the Mexico City conference of November 1941, it was decided to organize military forces in Latin America for use after the war in order to promote a Communist revolution and improve Russia's strategic position.

As soon as United States-Soviet relations began to deteriorate, the Communist International Brigade went into action. Before his death in 1945, Mr. Constantin Oumanski was nominally Russian Minister in Mexico. In fact, he ranked higher than the Soviet Ambassador in Washington. Just before he died, he wrote a very important report dealing with espionage and sabotage against the United States. He said that the United States had two especially vulnerable points—the Panama Canal and the locks at Sault Sainte Marie. He attached the greatest importance to the use of Central and South America as the bases of anti-American activities.

Early in February 1948 an astonished American public learned that the Panama National Assembly had unanimously rejected a negotiated treaty, granting to the United States a long lease of the war-time bases protecting the canal, bases absolutely essential to its security. The Kremlin had ordered that relations between the United States and Panama must be upset. Washington took all this very quietly and evacuated the bases without protest. Immediately the inflow of Russian agents increased. Large stocks of arms, munitions and explosives were shipped by Russia to the Communist forces. At the same time there was a considerable increase in Communist activity in Nicaragua, Honduras and Panama.

Most important of all, however, is the spy system, which is now well developed all over Mexico and is spreading deep into the United States. It is directed principally from the Czech mission in Mexico. We have fairly full details of those working in it. Guatemala is the base for handling funds for secret use in the western hemisphere. From here, enormous sums are being sent out. President Arevalo is collaborating with Moscow's agents.

The Russians have a powerful short-wave transmitter in Guatemala, which is used for sending intelligence direct to Moscow. Special agents are known to disembark at Guatemalan ports, and it is thought that there is at least one secret submarine refueling base.

The possibility cannot be excluded of some bases from which atom bombs could be launched, both from undersea craft and from aircraft, against America's vital communications and most vulnerable centers.

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Radiant Light and Life

By HOWARD B. RAND

his main discourse in the Book of Romans Paul speaks of God's anger against those who, because of their impiety, pervert the truth. He declares that so-called wise men are actually stupid and, while professing to be philosophers, they have played the part of fools. He points out the fact that knowledge of God is clearly manifest, having been revealed to mankind in His mighty works:

"For from creating a Universe His unseen attributes, power, and Divine nature might have been clearly comprehended by means of the created facts." (Rom. 1: 20, Ferrar Fenton Trans.)

Because all creation demonstrates God, the Apostle declares of the worldly wise:

"So they have no excuse, for, though they knew God, they have not honored him as God or given thanks to him, but they have indulged in futile speculations, until their stupid minds have become dark." (Rom. 1: 21-22, Smith & Goodspeed Trans.)

When we pause to consider God's mighty work of creation in the beginning it is important to note the primary definition of the word create which means "to cause to be" or "to come into existence"; especially "to produce out of nothing." Scientists today have become cognizant of what the Bible has all the time declared to be so, that the universe was created out of nothing; but even while knowing this, they do not recognize God as the Creator. Contemplating the majestic order of creation, John provides the information that in the beginning Jesus Christ, the WORD, was present:

"The WORD existed in the beginning, and the WORD was with God, and the WORD was God. He was present with God at the beginning. All came into existence by means of Him; and nothing came into existence apart from Him." (John 1: 1-3, Ferrar Fenton Trans.)

The phrase "came into existence" implies that substance or matter was nonexistent prior to the first creative act. Science has now arrived at this

same profound conclusion. A most interesting article titled "Science Proves the Story of Creation" by Norman Carlisle in the magazine Coronet for December 1949 reports recent scientific findings in relation to the creation of the universe. Throughout the ages men of God have accepted these facts by faith which are only now becoming apparent to men of science who, in spite of this revelation, still refuse to give God the honor and glory.

The story published in Coronet is fascinating and breathtaking as it tells how scientists have contributed the results of their research to reconstruct a graphic picture of the creation of the universe. Many mysteries that have baffled men for centuries have now been solved. We recommend this article to the attention of every Bible student, for it throws interesting light upon the authenticity of the records of the Scriptures. Mr. Carlisle points out that, whether by the examination of radioactivity in the ancient rock structure of the earth, or the study of the revolutions of the Milky Way and their effect upon star clusters, or in the examination of the tremendous speed of a fleeing universe reversed to its starting point, science has now been able to pin-point the time of creation. Through mathematical calculations involving all these factors, it is now recognized that the universe was born in a matter of minutes, in a single tremendous act of creation in a given place in space. In confirmation of this conclusion we have in the opening statement of the Book of Genesis a short sentence encompassing the macrocosmic sweep of creation:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Gen. 1: 1.)

For years scholars have tried to solve the age of the earth. Now, according to independent scientific calculations arrived at by the three methods described above, the time of the beginning of creation is established as between two and three billion years ago. Quoting Mr. Carlisle:

"This primordial life stuff of the universe

must have been made up of sheer energy, blazing with inconceivable power — energy so overwhelming that, by comparison, the heart of an atomic bomb is a mere firecracker. How long it had been there, where it had come from to begin with, the scientists of course cannot even imagine. They cannot probe behind Time: Zero."

What the scientists are unable to comprehend the man of God through faith understands. Just as the absolute in purity originates with God, so also sheer energy is a Divine attribute expressed in Bible terms as "power" or "mighty power." Jeremiah understood this and of God he said:

"He hath made the earth by his power [the sheer energy of which the scientists now speak], he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding." (Jer. 51: 15.)

Ferrar Fenton renders this verse:

"He made the earth by His power, By His knowledge, He formed the spheres, And spread out the skies by His skill!"

Some day men of science will cease ignoring the Word of God and will instead turn to it for information and guidance. Prior to the beginning of time - the Zero hour when the universe was born - the power of God was there, out of which pure energy He created all things. He is the First Cause and John adds that before the beginning of creation Jesus Christ, the WORD, was there. The Apostle continues his theme to show that the energy or power originating with God was used to bring into being, created out of nothing by an act of His will, all the visible things of the present universe. In the Book of Revelation we are informed:

"For you created all things; by your will they existed and were created." (Rev. 4: 11, Smith & Goodspeed Trans.)

How the atheists have seized upon the statement, in the step-by-step account of the restoration of the earth to its previous state of perfection, that God said, "Let there be light" (Gen. 1:3) long before the sun and moon were placed in the firmament to give

light by day and by night. It was not until the fourth day, or period, that actual reference is made to the placing of the sun and moon in their orbital relationship to the earth (Gen. 1: 14-18). We know the process of restoring the earth, which had become void and without form, followed the pattern of the original creative act because the question concerning how light came into being before the sun and moon gave light is answered by the recent discoveries of science. These findings prove the Bible account to have been accurately written and the atheists to be wholly in error, for Mr. Carlisle

"At the zero hour, there must have been some tremendous stirring . . . the shattering thrust of pure driving energy which started the race through space. Not a race of stars or solid pieces of matter, only of radiant energy."

God had issued the command, "Let there be light!" In fulfillment of the edict the radiant burst of Divine energy, generating billions of degrees of heat, would certainly dwarf into insignificant dimness the light and heat of a million suns. Mr. Carlisle then concludes:

"In one fantastic hour after the cosmic explosion, all the 92 elements had been formed! In one hour there they were - all the atoms that would make all the galaxies, planets, suns, all the substances in the earth, even all living creatures! Nothing would ever be added!"

Though science has in this way presented a vivid portrayal of the creation of matter, yet the most profound mystery of all creation is still unsolved. Mr. Carlisle asks the question:

"How did life emerge from the nuclear fluid that became cosmic dust that became the suns and the planets?"

Science will wait a long, long time before it will secure the solution to this mystery unless it turns to the Bible for the answer to its question. There we are told:

"What originated in Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of Mankind. That Light shines in the darkness; but the darkness did not absorb it." (John 1: 4-5, Ferrar Fenton Trans.)

Smith & Goodspeed translate this:

"It was by him that life came into existence, and that life was the light of mankind. The light is still shining in the darkness, for the darkness has never put it out."

Just as Divine energy was used to

create matter, so, too, the origin of life itself is in the life of God. The Greek word here translated "life" is zoe and it means fountain of life. A note in Appendix 170 of The Companion Bible

"Zoe: life in all its manifestations; from the life of God down to the lowest vegetable. It is life in activity, and thus especially is the opposite of death. It involves resurrection life and eternal life; and hence, as such, is the 'gift of God.' "

Darkness, or death, has never been able to put out the light of radiant life from God who breathed the spirit of life into His created beings when, following the creation of the universe, the time came when the earth and planets were able to sustain life. The process of creation still continues, as pointed out in "Created and Formed," DESTINY for September 1949, a fact of Scriptural teaching now confirmed by the scientists in their analysis of the brilliantly blazing new stars of comparatively recent origin. Because of these facts, Mr. Carlisle states:

"Having reconstructed the past, the scientists are now looking at the present. They have come up with a surprising revelation - far from being tired, old and run-down, the universe is active, still fresh enough to be in the throes of creation!"

We have known from an understanding of the Divine plan that humanity is but upon the threshold as it were of a stupendous future that stretches out before us into infinity. This fact is clearly borne out by the subject matter presented in "The Unique Position of Man," DESTINY for October 1949. Scientists are now confirming what men of faith have already recognized to be true, that the universe is still only in the throes of creation, with immeasurable possibilities of unfolding developments before mankind. God has only just begun His great work of creation insofar as the future of the human race is concerned. No wonder Isaiah exclaimed:

"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him." (Isa. 64: 4.)

Moffat, in translating this statement, renders a part of the verse as follows:

"No ear has ever heard, no eye has ever seen, the mighty deeds that thou wilt do for those who look to thee."

But what of death? Paul informs us

that the last enemy that will be destroyed is death (I Cor. 15: 26). Now death, or darkness, seems to have been conqueror, for all mankind is subject to its power. But God has decreed that this darkness shall not absorb life. If there were to be no resurrection, we might conclude that life has been absorbed by darkness. But this is not to be, for He who is the giver of life is also the author of resurrection of life. When Lazarus died Martha told Jesus that, if He had been there, her brother would not have died:

"Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11: 23-25.)

The Bible refers to a day coming when the outshining glory of the Coming of the Lord will be the signal announcing the time of the resurrection. It was a tremendous outburst of pure radiant energy that brought about the birth of the universe and created matter, making the coming into being of life possible upon this earth. Will it be the outshining glory of the radiant light of His Divine presence, preceding the coming of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, that will penetrate the darkness of the shadow of death and awaken those who now slumber in Sheol? Will this penetrating light of the coming Glory of the Lord reach into the furthest recesses of the grave and into the depths of the sea to renew life for those who have long since passed from life into death? Is this the process by which the fulfillment of Paul's summation will come about:

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"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." (Rom. 8: 21-23.)

As the Spirit of the Lord brooded over the earth when it was without form and void, so His Spirit broods today over Sheol, the abode of the departed who are under cover of the darkness of death. Presently the summons will come, "Let there be life!" Then

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Twilight War

By WILLIAM O. LAY, JR.

ACH MONTH clarifies the nature and pattern of the twilight war d being waged between the East and the West. It is a grotesquely anomalous situation in which the East considers itself at war, while the West fails to understand the implications of the struggle and suffers immense strategic setbacks with barely

a ripple of uneasiness. Bit by bit is coming to light the grim story of how leakage of key atomic secrets to Russia shortened by many years the period in which the West could have prepared to counter Soviet military might. Meanwhile, ominous reports tell of "police armies" in the Soviet East German state. The Chinese Communist armies sweep the Nationalist Government completely off the mainland, and the only reaction from the United States is a feeble resolution in the United Nations. The hollow gesture so disgusts smaller nations that they revolt from United States leadership on a subsequent issue and force through a plan for United Nations rule of Jerusalem which may well rekindle the Middle East war. And so the world crisis

There is now a definite possibility that the public at large will awaken to realities only when the Soviets turn loose their massed forces to administer

the coup de grâce.

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progresses step by step.

A study of the chart will make plain how events sweep on in uninterrupted flow. Each development of the present period links closely with some outstanding date of World War I or World War II. Each month reveals the precision of the basic plan for these years of tribulation more clearly to observant watchers.

The chart and article last month ("As Midnight Nears," DESTINY for January 1950) noted the arrest and detention of Angus Ward, the American Consul General at Mukden, by Communist authorities. On November 23 the State Department in Washington announced that Mr. Ward had been released and ordered out of Red China after trial by a "people's court." The date was 420 days lunar

after October 5, 1948 when the Berlin blockade issue reached the Security Council. As noted at the top of the chart, the 1948 date fell 9 x 1260 days solar after the United States entered World War I on April 6, 1917. Release of Mr. Ward ended what minority members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee termed "one of the most humiliating chapters in American diplomatic history."

Also noted last month was the agreement reached on November 22 between Allied High Commissioners and Chancellor Adenauer of the West German Republic. Details of the agreement, released on November 24, revealed that restrictions on German industry, foreign trade and merchant shipping had been lifted, and that the Germans had pledged not to rearm. Significantly, this agreement was announced exactly 666 days lunar after the Bizonal German Government was proclaimed on February 6, 1948. The latter date, in turn, was 1890 days solar after the November 6, 1942 North African invasion (upper half of chart).

China brought its case against the Soviet Union before the United Nations on November 25. As the debate proceeded, Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky proclaimed a boycott of the hearing, terming it a "puppet

comedy."

It is noteworthy that the China debate opened precisely 10 x 1290 days (desolation perfected) after Germany began World War I on August 1, 1914. Therefore, November 25, 1949 was also 1290 days after efforts of the Big Four to draft peace terms collapsed on May 15, 1946, since that date fell 9 x 1290 days after August 1, 1914. Had a nation of China's size and potentialities fallen to the enemy in wartime, it would have been regarded as a setback of enormous magnitude. Yet in this twilight war the Anglo-Saxon powers not only accept the defeat with little concern but even proceed with plans to recognize the Red regime in China.

Near the bottom of the chart is noted the further fact that November 25 fell just 390 days after the Communists captured Mukden on October 31, 1948. The latter date was, in turn, 2520 days after the Pearl Harbor attack of December 7, 1941. The 390-day period connotes "Israel's chastisement" and bungling on China has immeasurably aggravated the threat to Anglo-Saxon civilization.

China, foreseeing only token support from the Western democracies, filed its own four-point condemnation of Russia with the United Nations Political Committee on November 26. This resolution, doomed by the indifference and pusillanimity of the sterile world organization, was introduced exactly 1600 days lunar after the Potsdam Conference communique was issued on August 2, 1945 (lower center of chart). At Potsdam the United States and Great Britain invited disaster by granting the Soviet Union a disproportionate share in controlling Germany's future. Now, after 1600 days, their indifference sells China "down the river." And so the judgment process continues.

No sooner was the Angus Ward incident settled than the State Department in Washington revealed that the truculent Chinese Reds had seized the American Vice-Consul at Mukden on spying charges. The Communist move "shocked" Washington officialdom, which seems unable to grasp the scope and ruthlessness of the Soviet plot against the Western democracies. This second Mukden incident also

came on November 26.

The same November 26 date brought portents of renewed conflict in the Holy Land when King Abdullah's Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan lined up with the Jewish State in rejecting United Nations proposals for internationalizing the city of Jerusalem.

The German story unfolded along anticipated lines with the revelation on November 27 that a 40,000-man police army was being trained as the nucleus of a pro-Russian East German military force to be ready by spring. These "military police" will strengthen the Soviet hand for the showdown over control of all Germany.

Note near the bottom of the chart that November 27 was the third day made perfect of the 10 x 1290 cycle extending from August 1, 1914 when Germany opened World War I. Recall that 10 x 1290 days lunar plus two after the same initial date brought the May 23, 1949 Big Four conference on Germany. It therefore becomes clear that the Master Planner is fitting German developments into the tribulation pattern upon a schedule of utmost precision.

As the Communist drive forced Chiang Kai-shek to flee the temporary Nationalist capital of Chungking, the United States introduced in the United Nations a feeble resolution packed with meaningless provisions. Typical of these was a call for all nations "to respect the political independence of China."

Significantly, this November 28 development fell exactly 9 x 1260 days after the November 11, 1918 Armistice. It also came 1600 days lunar plus two after the Potsdam Conference communique of August 2, 1945 (center of chart).

The same November 28 date found Chiefs of Staff of Britain, France and the United States meeting in Paris to map a unified defense plan for the twelve nations of the North Atlantic Pact.

But while military leaders planned a line to hold in the West, the Communist armies wildfired on through China. Chungking fell to Mao Tsetung's victorious forces on November 30 - third day made perfect of the 9 x 1260 cycle extending from November 11, 1918 (center of chart).

Of particular import was the warning delivered by United States Secretary of Air W. Stuart Symington on the November 30 date. Mr. Symington stated:

"We know that for the first time, today, this minute, there is a country capable of delivering a devastating surprise attack against us through the air; and we also know that this country now has the equipment needed to deliver such an attack. We know, too, that the same country has made most significant advances in the field of atomic energy."

Note how perfectly this warning of Soviet armed might fulfils the "judgment-tribulation" cycle extending from the 1918 Armistice date. For years observant students of the Scriptural prophecies have watched the Russian colossus develop in preparation for its predicted role in the final scenes of judgment. Now at last Soviet military potential begins to alarm Anglo-Saxon leaders, but the belated warnings stir little public reaction.

The day before this warning, on November 29, the United States announced a new series of atomic bomb tests, presumably to try out bigger and deadlier A-bombs. Most significantly, this announcement came exactly 1600 days lunar after the first atomic bomb was dropped on August 6, 1945. Atomic weapons will help make the nearing judgment ordeal incredibly awesome and frightful for the human race; hence the appropriate application here of the time-measure indicating "space or extent of judgment."

As noted at the top of the chart, November 29 was also 420 days after October 5, 1948 when the Berlin blockade issue reached the Security

On the same November 29 date the military chiefs of all twelve Atlantic Pact nations agreed upon an Arctic-to-Africa strategic defense plan.

The Stalin-Tito feud reached new intensity when the Cominform enjoined Communists everywhere to back an all-out effort to unseat the Yugoslav Premier. The Cominform also called for a decisive struggle against Titoists in the party ranks. But on the next day the Yugoslav Ambassador, in a statement before the United Nations, defied the Cominform campaign and pointed out that the Yugoslav situation proved the divergence between Soviet peace-loving words and Soviet deeds. These two developments came on November 29-30, data for which has already been given.

The United Nations Assembly on December 1 soundly defeated a Soviet "peace" plan containing a clause accusing the United States and Britain of plotting a third world war. Then, in a stinging rebuke to the Soviet bloc, the Assembly overwhelmingly passed a joint British-American resolution outlining twelve essentials for peace. The date fell 1040 days lunar after peace treaties with former German satellites were signed on February 10, 1947. The latter date, in turn, was 7 x 270 days after the United States declared war on Japan on December 8, 1941 (bottom of chart).

December 1 also brought final completion of the master defense plan for the Atlantic Pact nations. Informed quarters revealed that the strategic bombing role had been assigned to the United States, while other countries would bear the brunt of the land fighting until American strength could be mobilized. But how effectively could the United States mobilize after a devastating air attack such as Air Secretary Symington warned Russia is capable of delivering?

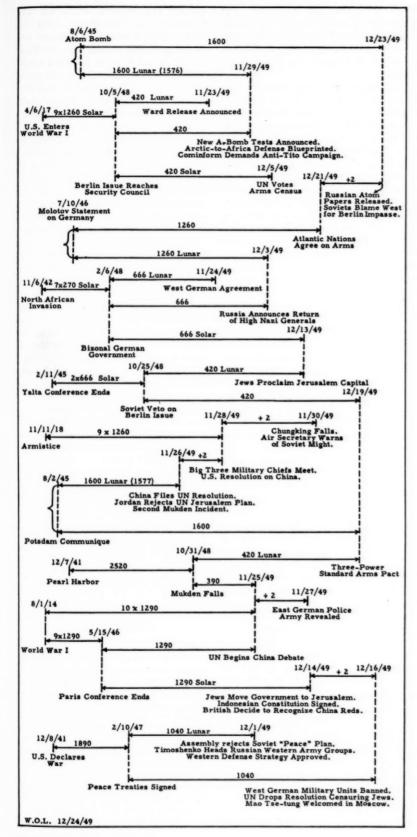
On the same December 1 date came a report that Russia had placed the veteran Marshal Timoshenko in command of its western army groups. Note how the three developments on this date underscore the fragility of the peace which men hoped would ensue once World War II peace treaties were signed. God decreed otherwise: "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked." The events falling upon this 1040 terminal (1040 indicates perfection of plans and policies) show deterioration of the false peace as God proceeds with His plan for enforcing righteousness upon the human race.

The Berliner Zeitung announced on December 3 that the highest Nazi generals would be among the last wave of German prisoners of war returning from Russia before Christmas. Observers believed these generals would soon be back in uniform helping train the Soviet's East German "military

police."

Note on the upper half of the chart the particularly significant chronological markings of December 3. It fell 1260 days lunar after the July 10, 1946 statement of Soviet German policy by Foreign Minister Molotov. It was also 666 days after Western Germany's Bizonal Government was proclaimed on February 6, 1948. From the first Russia has agitated for a strong central German government, while the Western powers wished a federal organization of limited authority. Now Russia is well advanced with the East German State through which she hopes to achieve her original goal of dominating all Germany, and the time-cycles show that this December 3 development fits precisely into the unfolding pattern.

German leaders in the West German Republic are privately fearful that the Eastern government will prevail over theirs. They are being careful to make no public pronouncement that might be construed as hostile to the Soviet regime. The trend of events here is un-



mistakable and ominous.

Another futile United Nations act came on December 5 when it voted a world census of ordinary arms. Since the Soviet bloc refused to cooperate, the Western powers would be incredibly foolish to turn in their figures. This came 420 days solar after October 5, 1948 (top of chart).

The United Nations on December o approved full UN rule of Jerusalem despite warnings of relentless opposition from both Jordan and the Jewish State. Thus, the prospect of conflict in the Middle East once again loomed sharply. The date (not charted) most significantly fell 2 x 286 days after May 16, 1948 which marked the south inner wall of the coffer in the Great Pyramid's King's Chamber. It was on that day that the newly-formed Jewish State appealed to the United Nations against Arab aggression. Note the swing of events here. The United Nations finally succeeded in imposing an uneasy peace in the Holy Land, but now 2 x 286 days later the organization itself votes a step which could well reignite the flames.

December 9 also found the Chinese Nationalists officially moving their capital to the Island of Formosa, thereby abandoning the Chinese mainland to the victorious Communists.

The American people received yet another sharp warning on the same December 9 date when Lieutenant General Leslie R. Groves, retired head of the atomic bomb project, stated that for the first time in history the United States is threatened with the possibility of "complete annihilation."

Defying the United Nations, the Israeli Government proclaimed Jerusalem its capital on December 13. Both the Israelis and the United Nations are scorning an ancient prophecy which reads:

"And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." (Zech. 12: 3.)

As indicated on the upper center of the chart, the Jewish proclamation came 666 days solar after February 6, 1948 and 420 days lunar after October 25, 1948 when the Soviets vetoed the United Nations compromise on the Berlin blockade issue. The 1948 date was, in turn, 2 x 666 days solar after the Yalta Conference closed on February 11, 1945.

The Jews formally moved their government to Jerusalem on December 14. Foreshadowing strife was the statement of Premier Ben-Gurion:

"We have entered upon the greatest political struggle in the history of our people. Israel is aligned against the whole world."

Also on December 14, representatives of sixteen Indonesian states and territories signed the constitution for the United States of Indonesia. Whether this move will bring peace to Indonesia is problematical, since Republican agitators are still active.

Finally, in London it was revealed that Great Britain had decided to extend full recognition to the Chinese Communist Government.

Note at the bottom of the chart that all these December 14 developments came 1290 days solar after May 15, 1946 when efforts to draft peace terms collapsed. Each of the three will further the pattern of "desolation" now unfolding all over the world.

All military, semi-military and Nazilike organizations were forbidden in Western Germany by a decree which the occupying Powers issued on December 16. Thus ended weeks of discussion over whether Western Germany should be allowed military units to assist in holding the line against Communism.

The close link between Russia and the Chinese Communists was highlighted on the same December 16 date when Prime Minister Josef Stalin personally welcomed Mao Tse-tung as the Far Eastern Red leader arrived in Moscow to cement relations with the Kremlin.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Trusteeship Council refused to pass a strong resolution censuring the Jewish State for moving its capital to Jerusalem. France, which sponsored the resolution, withdrew it and advanced a milder one.

These three December 16 developments came upon a doubly-marked date: 1040 days after February 10, 1947 and 1290 days solar plus two after May 15, 1946 (bottom of chart).

On December 19 the United States, Britain and Canada announced agreement on plans for standardization of military equipment and training methods. Thus, the Anglo-Saxon nations belatedly move to unify their arms programs in the face of Russia's threat. Note from the center of the chart that the date was triply marked, falling

1600 days after the August 2, 1945 Potsdam Conference communique, 420 days after October 25, 1948 and 420 days lunar after the Communist capture of Mukden on October 31, 1948.

Secretary of State Acheson announced on December 21 that the North Atlantic Pact nations had agreed on the amount and type of arms to be supplied by the United States in the first half of 1950. The date was 1260 days after the July 10, 1946 Molotov statement on Soviet German policy (upper half of chart).

Documents released by the Atomic Energy Commission on December 23 revealed that Russian scientists had mastered the basic theoretical secrets of the atomic bomb in 1940, before the United States launched its Manhattan Project. The Commission's revelation came 1600 days after the first atomic bomb was dropped on August 6, 1945 (top of chart). The God of Israel permitted the United States to master the secret before the Russians; but now both sides are manufacturing bombs and the judgment process will continue.

Also on December 23, the Russians

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three languages. It was engraved by order of Darius the Great - around 500 B.C. — and is still uncommonly distinct.

Stone is truly an appropriate witness for the most skeptical age in all history. One cannot argue with the testimony of a stone; neither is a stone intimidated by "the oppositions of science falsely so-called.'

The apostle Paul says our fathers "did all drink of the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that went with them [mar.]: and that Rock was Christ." We know that all nations and kingdoms not built upon that Rock will fall. As our Lord said, "Whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."

What mean these stones of Israel? They are being raised out of the dust of centuries for such a time as this, that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, our God and Saviour.

(Continued from page 56) will be fulfilled:

"For the Lord himself shall descend

blamed the Western Allies for the breakdown of Four-Power talks on Berlin. The Soviet commandant rejected an Allied protest that the Russians had not fulfilled promises made to Berlin rail workers during the summer. Note that December 23 was also 1260 plus two days after July 10, 1946.

Conquest of China by the Soviets completes an essential preliminary to their program of world domination. The eventful year of 1949 also brought sharp deterioration in the world economic outlook as Great Britain's position slipped to the very brink of catastrophe. There were salient developments in Germany, Palestine, the Balkans and many other spheres.

A quickened tempo of events may be expected as spring nears and the nations approach the final three years of intensive judgment. These articles have in months past noted many of the important dates falling in the March-June period of 1950. The public at large will find little that is pleasant or reassuring in what the immediate future holds, but the spirituallyattuned student will watch with confidence and serenity as the hour of final redemption draws nigh.

from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." (I Thess. 4: 16.)

The grave will give up its dead, for death and darkness will not be ultimately triumphant. In the resurrection each one will arise to take his place along with the living in the part each is to occupy in a glorious future as the unfolding revelation of a progressive creation continues on illimitably into the eons of ages before us.

CORRECTION

When dealing with astronomical figures it is difficult at times not to err as a few ciphers more or less are apt to make little impression in the comprehension of distances involved. However, to give the exact value of the velocity of light per second, and translate that velocity into a year of 365.242 days, the figures used in "Limitless Space," page 404, DESTINY for December 1949, should have been six times as large as given. The first sentence of the third paragraph should read as follows: "A light-year is the distance it takes light to travel at the speed of 186,300 miles a second in a year, or a distance of 5,879,-052,109,440 miles in 365 days."

By Their Fruits

ONE OF THE MOST ridiculous frauds being perpetrated as a part of a program of deception now being carried on is the assumption that it is impossible to understand the message of the Bible unless one can read the original languages in which it was written. This hypothesis is the basis upon which David Horowitz, Editor of *United Israel Bulletin*, is undertaking to secure a hearing for his subversion of the story the Bible tells. Using the fact that his mother tongue is the language in which the Bible was witten, he undertakes to set himself up as the acme of authority on the Scriptures.

Actually, a knowledge of either Hebrew or Greek is not a test of scholarship and does not necessarily make an individual an authority on the truths expressed in either of these languages. The mere fact that a man can read and speak the original languages in which the Bible was written may not give him spiritual insight nor an understanding of the great truths expressed by the prophets of the Lord. If it did so, then the Jews would have known and acknowledged Jesus Christ to be God the Son when He appeared among them nearly two thousand years ago. But though they had the Scriptures, and knew and understood Hebrew, the language of their Bible, it did not impart wisdom to them or bring about a recognition of the Messiah when He came. Because of unbelief, the Jews did not respond to the leadings of the Spirit of the Lord and therefore they were blind to the meaning and significance of the fulfillment of prophecy in their day.

On the other hand, a man may not be able to speak a single word of a foreign tongue, yet, because he has been a faithful and diligent student of reliable translations of the great works and writings of foreign authors, become an expert in an understanding of the truths originally ex-

pressed in that language.

While it is of great benefit to know the languages, yet a complete knowledge of Hebrew and Greek is not necessary to an understanding of the Bible's message, even the deep spiritual meanings contained in its writings. Above all books, the Bible has been made available in almost every language, and particularly in the Anglo-Saxon tongue. God has seen to it that His people Israel, in these latter days, possess far better helps to an understanding of the text and message of the Bible in the English language than are in existence in any other language upon the face of the globe, and Hebrew and Greek are no exception.

Space would not be devoted to all this except for the subtle propaganda being spread abroad to deceive, if it were possible, the very elect. Jesus Himself warned us:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (Matt. 7: 15.)

Then He said:

"Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" (Matt. 7: 16.)

The fruits of any movement and the teachings of any man are certainly evil which set aside Jesus Christ and refuse to recognize Him as God the Son, the Saviour of the world, and who is the Messiah. When the teachings of the prophets and of Jesus are also perverted in an endeavor to distort and deceive further, it clearly demonstrates that the forces from the Bottomless Pit are sponsoring such activities.

Let us examine a few of the teachings of David Horowitz. For example, the Bible records that God through Jeremiah stated:

"David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel." (Jer. 33: 17.)

In dealing with this passage, Horowitz skillfully sidesteps the issue concerning the continuity of the throne. He uses a translation that renders the word karath "fail" instead of "want" and then undertakes to show his claimed superiority of scholarship by stating that this is a mistranslation since this word rendered in English really means "cut off." Pin-pointing attention to that one word, he then proceeds to interpret the meaning of this passage in Jeremiah by declaring that the line of David will remain intact throughout all time, but not necessarily have an identified king on an earthly throne.

In the first place, Horowitz is giving no new rendering of the word karath. Whether he is aware of it or not, Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible* renders karath "to be cut off," a fact known to every careful Bible student. His claimed superiority of understanding here, because he happens to speak the Hebrew language, is not so superior after all in the light of the splendid helps available in the English language, giving the various shades of meaning for Hebrew words for the benefit of all Biblical scholars.

When we take a closer look at the whole context in which the above Scriptural verse appears, we find that Horowitz overlooked the full purport of Jeremiah's pronouncement by ignoring the meaning of the word yashab, translated "to sit," evidencing a continued process of occupation, in this instance of the throne over the House of Israel. Horowitz's contention against such a continuous occupation of an earthly throne by a man of the House of David is dealt another severe blow by a subsequent statement through Jeremiah:

"Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne." (Jer. 33: 20-21.)

In the light of these facts Horowitz's interpretation is false and his claim to superiority of understanding is absurd. This prompts the question: Why is David Horowitz so anxious to change the meaning of Jeremiah's pronouncements? May it be because the cult of which he is, or was, a member anointed him to be the David who is to occupy the throne promised to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ?

In DESTINY for May 1943, in an article titled "A Satanic

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Masterpiece," we exposed the so-called Bible in the Hands of its Creators as spawned from the Bottomless Pit. But David Horowitz acclaims this book as a true elucidation of the original Hebrew of the Bible. This glorification of a Satanic masterpiece is in line with the present endeavor to convince Christian men and women that it is impossible for them to understand the Scriptures unless they see its message through Horowitz's eyes. In his eyes Jesus Christ is not the Saviour of the world, nor is He to be the Coming One who will take over the throne of His father David and reign over the House of Jacob forever.

What does this spurious "bible" teach regarding Jesus

Christ? Following are a few excerpts:

"Jesus is the heir of Chattah-Rahab the Nachash, is the Satan whom the Christians, in all their denominations and sects, have all the time, for over nineteen hundred years, worshipped as their saviour-god."

"Jesus was never resurrected . . . behold it is already selfevident that, generally speaking, those who believe in Jesus, despite all his promises to them, also will not be resurrected."

"And in this case, who can divine — and what? — regarding the fate of Jesus' carcass? and who will try to deny — and how? — if we say specifically in this instance the lot of Jesus and the lot of Izebel [Jezebel] the wife of Achab [Ahab] were exactly the same: that just as the body of Izebel thus also the body of Jesus was devoured by dogs?"

In his own writings David Horowitz continues to denounce our Lord, belittle His work and twist His instructions to make them appear evil. Moreover, Moses Guibbory, a self-styled god and supposed author of the above "bible," writes of Horowitz as follows:

"My Angel Gabriel, David Horowitz, wherever he may be, who was anointed on the twenty-fourth day of the Third, which

is the month of Sivvan, in the year 5692, in the same place and in the presence of the same eye-witnesses, by the same Moses, God Jah Jehovah the Last, to sit forever on the throne of David his father as Messiah, the Prince."

The whole thing is nauseating to the extreme, yet it is also tragic, for there are Christian men and women who are supporting this sort of thing financially and otherwise, acclaiming as a leader one who lays claim to the throne that will only be given to Jesus Christ our Lord. It is most difficult to understand how anyone who believes in Jesus Christ can support a movement or give aid and comfort to individuals who blaspheme our Lord and Saviour.

We are publishing these facts in Destiny as a warning to those who might possibly be led astray by the subtleness of the propaganda in which the knowledge of the identity is being used, as well as the perfection of the Law of the Lord, as a clever camouflage to cloak insidious and sinister doctrines. Not all those who say "Lord, Lord," or who proclaim the identity of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples with Israel of old, are fulfilling the Divine will. In this day of planned deception it is extremely important to recognize this. Furthermore, the establishment of the Abomination of Desolation * spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, in the treachery, violence and bloodshed that brought into being the Zionist state, is advocated by Horowitz as fulfilling the purposes of God in the land of Palestine. All this is a part of the great deception and woe to those who allow themselves to be so deceived. They will be found later among the opponents of Jesus Christ and fighting in the ranks of the enemies of His Kingdom.

Religious Education

MUCH OF THE material in so-called programs of religious education stressed by church leaders today is neither religious nor educational. Before us as we write is a book purporting to give instruction concerning teaching methods for Sunday school classes. It emphasizes ways and means by which the class may be entertained, but it is so lacking in information regarding the Scriptures that pupils at the end of such a course will know little or nothing of the Bible.

Christian leaders have made a fetishism of the term "religious education" as if it were the cure-all for every form of shortcoming, even the lack of spirituality in the Church today. Actually, the work of the Church of Jesus Christ is to instruct in the things of Jesus Christ, bringing others to Him as Saviour and to a knowledge and under-

standing of His commandments.

The book in hand is actually a subversion of Christian instruction, substituting a program of teaching about church activities for earnest Bible study. How to beautify the edifice with flowers so that people will feel more at home; how to run the affairs of the church and make the machinery of the organization more efficient — these are subjects which take precedence over any actual Bible teaching. Secular subjects, not Biblical, are discussed, such as popular secular books and famous individuals. Thousands of dollars are being squandered in printing and

equipment to propagate programs which are the essence of inanity; yet church leaders and Sunday School teachers are being told it is the latest and very best material.

One need not look any further to understand why so many supposedly sincere and active Christians know so little about the Bible and why the present spiritual state of the Christian Church is at so low an ebb. We are in the midst of the greatest apostasy the Christian world has ever known and a contributing factor is the religious education programs that discount the vital importance of the Bible itself and fail to educate others in the need of studying and understanding its great truths.

It would be interesting to know who the authors are of this type of literature which is being so readily accepted as the acme of scholarship by our Sunday schools. It certainly has all the earmarks of modernism, the followers of which deliberately endeavor to bring others into a knowledge of the tenets of their unbelief, substituting man-made programs of questionable efficiency for earnest and sincere Bible instruction.

Is it to be wondered at that thousands of church members disbelieve God's Word and multitudes doubt the authenticity of the Scriptures? They have been taught to ignore its precepts in daily living; the Divine injunction to keep one seventh of their time holy unto the Lord is relegated to a place with the forgotten things of yesterday.

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The Mystery of Iniquity

By L. A. ROGERS

THE DEEPEST and darkest mystery in the entire realm of creation centers around the perplexing question implied in the theme of this article. It is a question that has been on every tongue, and one that has defied, with a marked degree of success, every attempt at a satisfactory answer. The mystery of evil, reckoned as sin in its manifestation, has plagued mankind since the dawn of history and no one has been able to understand its nature or explain the reason for its presence. Many attempts are being made to minimize its potentialities and to rationalize its obvious presence, but to no avail. These efforts have fallen far short of the mark simply because the facts, as well as the questions, are ever present.

It is more than possible that a satisfactory solution to this mystery of iniquity may lie within the reach of this generation. Knowledge has been increased in many fields and mystery has been displaced by education. This new weapon of understanding is a form of light which may be turned in any or all directions. Under its penetrating beams mystery is sure to be dissipated sooner or later. Let this light be focused upon the mystery of evil and it too will be forced eventually to yield to understanding.

It is more than possible that the mystery of iniquity is in some way connected with the splitting of the atom. Each explosion of atomic bombs has left in its wake a vast area of fragments of the atom which are radioactive. This form of contamination is a decided menace to all who venture within its field of influence.

This leads us to wonder as to the nature and origin of the radioactive forces of evil which seem to hover over and around the earth like a pall; a sinister something of a hypnotic nature that compels all men to do its bidding; a form of contamination which seems to permeate the atmosphere with a soul and body destroying element. It strikes at every living cell, and death is the inevitable result. It places its mark upon man at the moment of his conception; it is present at

the hour of his birth; it dogs his footsteps until the day of his death:

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom." (Ps. 51: 5-6.)

The quest for wisdom leads us to seek the hidden truth concerning the mystery of iniquity as it applies to human conduct and the startling fact is revealed that this is something for which man is not wholly responsible. The power of sin strikes from without. It does not become the radiation of human conduct until this radioactive contamination has poisoned the wellsprings of life and influence. Thus, man is born and cast into a sea - not of water which would destroy his life in a brief moment - but of atmosphere filled with radioactive contamination which is equally certain to bring about death sooner or later. We might wish for a name by which to describe this mysteriously evil power that would lend it dignity in comparison to its might. The name by which it has always been known must stand because no other word is adequate. Its name is sin.

The human mind presents a paradoxical picture in contrasts because of its reactions, which are never the same in any two individuals. Scientists in the medical field have made striking advances in the task of mapping the human brain. It has been demonstrated that by touching known parts of the brain with an electrode carrying a low current of electricity certain known reactions will result. The mapping process has been somewhat complicated by the fact that, like the human fingerprint, each brain, though similar in its reactions to the electrode, presents individual characteristics. The patient, who is not under anesthesia, will respond by certain movements of the limbs, be made to see strange things, to hear familiar sounds, to have memories awakened, to dream dreams and have many other experiences; all depending upon the area touched by the charged electrode.

Evil is a possessive force and reaction has always been like the prodding of an electrode. It is dictatorial by nature and man is slave-like in response. The will becomes distorted as though under the influence of a drug. Man is led to willful decisions and indiscriminate acts. Sin is an influence which lures man to lofty acts of pride, then mocks him in his failures. It tempts him to acts of indiscretion, then gloats over him in his misery. It leads him to acts of violence, then leaves him to his despair.

Believing that the mystery of iniquity is a force which strikes from without, we are led to the question: Where does this mysterious thing come from, how does it come, and why is it so persistent and deadly in its actions? It resists all efforts of man to deal with it, and even seems to defy the power of Almighty God. Of what is this evil substance composed, and does it lie within the reach of the human mind to comprehend and explain its nature? Will it be possible to look deeply enough into the dark recesses of this mystery to really find out what it is, and understand why it is so powerful and so wicked? And if it is possible to comprehend more of the nature of this reality, will this knowledge be a guidepost to the truth? Will this understanding bring a fuller realization of the fact that man is utterly helpless in trying to cope with this thing in his own strength? Will a more perfect knowledge act as a supplement to faith; enabling timid mortals to gain a more firm grip on the tenets of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord; the faith which sees in Him the world's only hope?

The ability to understand the cause and nature of the thing we are seeking surely lies within the reach of human reason if we approach the subject with an open mind, believing that there is an answer to the mystery. And there need be no presumption in this approach. These are days when the increase of knowledge is pushing back that which in former times have been impregnable barriers, and mankind is being set free from many of the haunt-

ing horrors of ignorance and superstition which have long held the mind in abject slavery. A certain radio program aptly demonstrates the fact that all supposedly supernatural demonstrations of an evil nature have an explanation when the truth becomes known. When the truth regarding sin becomes apparent, the power of truth will be able to operate with greater efficiency. We may be less likely to trust in our own strength and be led to trust more fully in the World's Only Hope. The hope of freedom is entirely dependent upon truth:

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." (John 16: 13.)

It is only from this source that men will find the grace and strength necessary to aid in pushing back sin's barriers. Every twice-born individual is destined to become another unit of power, which, in God's own time, will complete the number of the elect necessary to aid in pushing back the last barrier of iniquity.

It has only been a few years since the whole world was shocked and horrified by the news of the event which terminated the war with Japan. This was the world's first introduction to the atomic bomb. The blast of those two bombs caused reverberations of fear and anxiety which are still circling about the globe together with the dust of the shattered atomic fragments. The blast itself marked only the first stage of its influence. The aftereffects of those explosions held potential dangers which were not to be discounted. The radioactive particles left in their wake remained a constant threat to all who might venture within their fields of influence. No one was even able to guess how long this danger might remain. Since it was invisible and imperceptible, great damage might result before its discovery.

Further experiments with the atomic bomb held even more frightening possibilities. The Bikini explosion left a mighty wake of radioactive contamination. At least one of the battleships that shared in that experiment remained in that state of contamination after the lapse of several years. Even then it was still counted too dangerous to be left afloat and for safety's sake it was sent down into the depths of the sea.

The Bikini experiment had another frightening aspect. This was brought

to light when it was discovered that the blast of that bomb had lowered the floor of the ocean at that point. If the force of that explosion had broken through into the fiery regions of that volcanic area, even greater blasts might have been precipitated. If the waters of the ocean had been dumped into those infernal regions of fire, another Krakatao might have resulted.* It was further feared that extensive experiments with the atomic bomb might set up chain reactions which would go beyond all control. Should this possibility become a reality, there is no knowing where it might end. The earth might again become a shapeless void without form or life, hurtling through space in utter dark-

The Word of God makes this positive statement:

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be . . . there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? It hath been already of old time, which was before us." (Eccl. 1: 9-10.)

Our present-day civilization is strongly inclined to boast of its progress, having the assurance that the wonders of this age transcend anything that the world has ever known. We feel sure that we have found new things under the sun. But we need not be too sure about this. "It hath been already of old time" is a positive statement in God's Word which is applicable to all time

A pertinent question arises at this point. If some past civilization had reached the present high state of development, where is the evidence? Surely some remnant would remain somewhere? This question might be answered by asking another: Does the exploding atom bomb leave any evidence that can be recognized? It does not. The question sure to follow is asked in amazement: Has the world, then, had a previous experience with atomic forces? The answer must be in the affirmative.

It is evident that man is not the first inhabitant of this earth. The Word of God indicates that a former race of beings, not unlike men, once called this planet their abiding place. They were beings of high intelligence and doubtless had progressed to a point far beyond anything yet known to

mankind. There is much evidence in the Bible which leads to the belief that these beings were that part of creation which we now refer to as the angels. We can be sure of this one thing: if these beings were not in some way connected with the history of this earth, both past and present, there would be no mention of them in the Bible. Like mankind, they too fall into two classifications — good and evil.

There was a time, however, when this was not true; a period when this condition did not exist because the power of evil was unknown. This was during a period described by Job:

"When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." (Job 38: 7.)

This creation was a thing of beauty and perfection. It could not have been otherwise since no evil dwelt there. The angels apparently were the beings created to inhabit this mundane sphere and their civilization had reached the point of perfection in achievement. Interplanetary communication was possible then and these sons of God shouted for joy as they joined together in song with outlying planets. Our civilization has not reached this stage of advancement even though the idea of its possibility persists.

All of this occurred in that eternity of the past, long before time as we know it had a beginning. And the incident which injected the element of time into eternity was an act upon the part of a certain individual among that host of angels. He apparently stood at the head of that mighty throng as an archangel and his name was Lucifer. He was a being of extreme beauty, with wisdom and knowledge developed to a point that placed him near to the throne of God and to the dangerous conclusion that he was even equal to his Creator:

"Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty." (Ez. 28: 12.)

His advancement had reached the acme of perfection, the point in achievement beyond which he could not go because he had reached the limit and had received the seal of perfection:

"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." (Ez. 28: 15.)

This mighty being was created for a definite purpose and had been

^{*} Island in Sunda Strait, west of Java; great eruption in 1883.

groomed and endowed with all the qualifications necessary for his most important task. Like all of God's living creatures, Lucifer had been given a will of his own and the right of choice. Because of his exalted position, his knowledge and beauty, he became greedy. His wisdom turned to avarice and pride with aspirations to even loftier heights, even to the very throne of his Creator where he aspired to be like God - to be very God. His cupidity was checked in time to prevent this move on his part, but his next move was not thwarted. Disappointment and frustration because of his failure actuated him. Unable to reach his first objective, he turned in anger to wreak his vengeance upon God's first and perfect creation of the

In his perfect knowledge and understanding, Lucifer knew all about the mystery of the atom, for this is but one of the elements in the realm of knowledge in which he was a past master:

"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so; thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire." (Ez. 28: 14.)

The power, responsibility and confidence vested in this evil being defies comprehension. He stood at the head of the host of heaven and earth as a mighty ruler. Strangely and ironically, he held that position of power even after evil was found in him. Since he understood the nature of the stones of fire, or the mystery of the atom, all of the earthly creation was at his mercy.

The first verse in the Bible presents a brief glimpse of the earthly creation, which could only have been perfect as it came from the hands of the Creator. The second verse reveals its condition after Lucifer, or Satan, had accomplished his first in a long, long series of vengeful strokes of hatred which still continue to harass a conflict-weary world:

"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." (Gen. 1: 2.)

Satan first turned to atomic power to assert his might. The geological history of this earth indicates that at some time in the distant past some mighty upheaval has literally turned this world inside out and thrown it together again. A blast of more than atomic proportions, with its chain re-

actions, created a holocaust which left God's perfect creation a mass of smouldering cinders, with every vestige of its former beauty completely disintegrated. Not an inhabitant remained upon the earth.

An incident in recent history which finds its counterpart in the distant past is worthy of careful consideration. In the area where the first atomic bomb was exploded, it was found that the desert sands had become a mass of fused green glass. It is also reported that archaeologists, exploring in the area thought to be the cradle of the human race, have found one thing of particular interest. After having excavated down through the debris of ancient civilizations, which reveal a fascinating history of the early efforts of man and of the changing strata of the earth, there was found a strata of fused green glass!

In his perfect knowledge and understanding, Lucifer knew exactly what would follow the atomic blast which created that fused green glass. This blast was destined to have long-lasting repercussions; the shock of this tragedy would endure throughout all time. The ever-potent radioactive contamination created by that mighty blast would linger and hover over and around the earth like a pall of doom to become a part of its atmosphere.

Satan doubtless knew that in the fullness of time life would again assert itself in another creation at the hands of God. He knew that the earth would again be filled with all forms of life and he knew also that all life would end in death because he had set the stage for this sorrowful tragedy by the impregnation of the atmosphere with the radioactive particles of the split atom. Satan's continued control of the earth and its functions depended upon its being held securely within this radioactive sheath which had engulfed its entire surface, and he was determined to eventually extend his control to the very throne of God:

"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God." (Isa. 14: 13.)

Unfortunately, this evil genius was able to approach dangerously near to his goal. Every move had been carefully planned and executed. Each stage of advance was plotted with care. Ultimate success depended upon his being able to hold the earth firm and steady within this blanket of radioactive con-

tamination which predestinated every form of life to death. We note with interest that he first moved into the places of the north. There could have been but one object or reason for this move. The magnetic forces which hold the earth in its position in relation to the sun have, for some unknown reason, been placed in their position in the "places of the north." Satan's first move in his conquest of control seems to have been aimed in this direction:

"I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." (Isa. 14: 19-14.)

Satan had control of the earth but his greedy ambitions demanded control of the very forces which rule the earth as well. This necessitated laying hold upon the forces which compel obedience to nature's laws. It is only necessary to review this earth's history both past and present to understand that this archenemy of God was able to make good his boast. He did rise to the heights above the clouds and was able to capture the very forces of physical life and death. He aspired to become like God and came very near to succeeding.

Lucifer was created to be a supervisor, endowed with all of the qualifications necessary for the performance of that duty. All was well until evil was found in him. Not satisfied with his lot, he had schemed to defraud his Maker and steal the possessions over which he ruled. There is a definite reason for his being referred to as follows:

"O Lucifer, son of the morning!" (Isa. 14: 12.)

"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so." (Ez. 28: 14.)

Moffatt translates Isaiah's descriptive title for Lucifer, "O shining star of the dawn!" Ferrar Fenton calls him, "Bright Son of the Morning" and in Young's Literal Translation of the Bible he is described, "O shining one, son of the dawn."

The force that controls the earth is the power of light. Satan was not content to be the keeper of that light; he aspired to be the light itself. As the Anointed Cherub, Lucifer was commissioned for a definite task, one which no other being in heaven or earth was qualified to fill. He was anointed for this purpose and his will became a law which could not be changed. By virtue of his organized might, he had been able to capture the source of earthly light. He became the Son of the Morning.

Is it here that we discover a clue to the mystery of iniquity? Satan had gained control of the earthly realm and had established himself on a throne on high. From this exalted position he is able to wreak his vengeance upon God and His creation by a continual atomic bombardment which keeps the earth's atmosphere in a perpetual state of contamination, compelling all life to live under the law of sin and darkness.

It is not surprising, in the light of this understanding, that all ancient and even modern forms of pagan worship center around the worship of the sun. Significant also is the fact that Christianity has always looked askance upon this type of worship, recognizing it as Devil worship. It is through the power of the sun that Satan is able to enforce his law of evil, for the earth is controlled by the sun and every living thing is compelled by dependence upon it to give obeisance to this shining orb. It is not difficult to understand why it is natural for man to worship the sun, because it is recognized as the giver of life and light, and the provider of all of the necessities of living. This shining god has long been an object of adoration, a deity consciously worshiped by the ancients who knew no other god, and unconsciously worshiped by moderns who do know better.

Since all men are endowed with desires and aspirations which follow a definite pattern, the will to attain and the longing to gratify naturally become the aim of life. The desire for worship is augmented by the promises which it holds forth and worship of the sun, unhampered by moral inhibitions, made its strongest appeal through the channels of lust. Because of this fact, it became only natural that pagan worship of the sun should degenerate into the most bestial orgies the mind of man could conceive. And since these acts of indiscretion led to physical suffering and mental anguish, there could be but one conclusion as to the reason. The sun god, the god of this world, had been offended; and nothing but a sacrifice could mitigate this offense. The Word of God and the ruins of ancient temples afford abundant evidence that human beings were offered in vain attempts to appease the gods of this world. Evidence indicates that the victims were sacrificed by fire, by being cast into sacrificial wells and by being thrown to the crocodiles. Man has resorted to every type of brutal conduct in his efforts to better his condition and to work out his own salvation. The god of this world has blinded the eyes of all men and he has dealt without mercy, even with his most ardent admirers.

It is not strange that men throughout the ages have wondered why God permits or allows Satan to remain in power; why he is not destroyed and his terrible rule over the realm of nature terminated. Perhaps there is a reason why up to now Satan has not been overthrown. We may be sure that there is a very good reason for the condition which has remained more or less static throughout the ages of mankind. We may rest assured that God is all-wise and that there is sufficient cause for the apparent withholding of justice:

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isa. 55: 9.)

It is evident that no other created being is able or qualified to take over the task for which Lucifer was made. Because of the importance of the position which he holds, it is apparent that he is being compelled to remain on the job and carry on with the task for which he was created, regardless of consequences, until another is ready to take over. Evil though he is, in all of his ways, no greater tragedy could befall the realm of creation than to have his rule terminated prematurely. The hearts of men are failing them because of fear. The tempo of the times has been stepped up to a point where the tension is almost beyond human endurance:

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." (Luke 21: 26.)

The powers of evil have been turned loose and Satan is inciting the nations to use the force of the split atom to again destroy the earth. His victory was complete the other time and, if he is permitted to employ the same forces again, what will the result be? The threat of atomic destruction hangs over all the world, and since Russia has perfected the bomb, the fears of the world have increased. A mad race for armaments is sure to ensue, thereby adding to the fears which already exist.

We would indeed be a most miserable people were it not for the light of truth. In this light we can face the future with confidence and trust, knowing that our security rests in the hands of an all-wise God and Saviour:

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods." (Ps. 24: 1-2.)

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It is true that the world is being shaken and it will be shaken again. Let us note, however, that this time it is the Lord who is to do the shaking:

"For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts." (Hag. 2: 6-7.)

The shaking will be severe, but not destructive except to the forces of evil. The earth will survive to enter its golden age as prophesied through Isaiah (11:9-10): "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious."

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Jonathan's Courage

Jonathan, Saul's son, was a man of courage and, evidently wearying of the situation and becoming tired of hiding from the Philistines who were plundering the land, he said to his armor-bearer:

"Come on, let us cross over to the Philistine garrison on the other side." (I Sam. 14: 1, Moffatt Trans.)

However, he did not tell Saul of his plan, for the King was back behind the hills among the caverns, hiding there with his six hundred men. Neither Saul nor his army knew that Jonathan had left the camp to go to the other side of Luz. The pass through which Jonathan must go was walled by high rocks on both sides. Beyond this pass, on the heights, was the Philistine garrison. Jonathan reasoned:

"It may be that the Lord will work for us: for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." (I Sam. 14: 6.)

Jonathan not only displayed his courage, but he also manifested remarkable faith in the God of Israel to deliver His people in time of need. He realized that if God was with him and selected him for service, he could be used to defeat the foes of his people. However, Jonathan proposed a test to his armor-bearer to guide him so that he might know the Lord's will. He said that if, after they showed themselves to the Philistines, the men of the garrison challenged them to wait and they would come down to them, then he and his armor-bearer would not attack but would retreat. If instead, however, the Philistines invited them to come up, then they would ascend, for the Lord would deliver the spoilers into their hands. Following their agreement about the proposed test, Jonathan and his armor-bearer disclosed their presence to the Philistine garrison. Immediately the Philistines scoffed derisively: "Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves." Then they shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer:

"Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing." (I Sam. 14:

Garrison Defeated

Jonathan and his armor-bearer began to ascend the pass and, pouncing upon the Philistines, they slew the entire garrison of twenty men. The account tells us that as each Philistine fell before Jonathan, his armor-bearer slew him while Jonathan engaged the next Philistine in battle.

At first thought it might seem as though the Lord had led Jonathan on to certain defeat to indicate to him that the two men should attempt to climb the pass in the very face of the enemy. But the secret of the strategy lay in the fact that the Philistines held all the Israelites in contempt because of the past actions of King Saul's feeble army. Thus, they apparently paid little attention to the two who were climbing up toward their garrison. No doubt there was much carousing and a complete lack of preparedness on their part. On the other hand, if they had

decided to go down to engage Jonathan and his armorbearer, they would have donned their armor and come forth in full battle array. The death of the two Israelites would have been a certainty if this had happened. Jonathan had trusted in the Lord and God kept His promise:

"Ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword." (Lev. 26: 7-8.)

Because Jonathan had trusted in the Lord, God now intervened in behalf of Israel for, following the slaughter of this Philistine garrison:

"A panic spread in the camp, over the open country and among all the troops, till both the garrison and the raiders were panic-stricken." (I Sam. 14: 15, Moffatt Trans.)

A Great Earthquake

Following Jonathan's personal victory, there was a great earthquake in the land. It was so great that both the armies of the Philistines and of Israel staggered as though they were in a dream. Accompanying the earthquake was a great roar and rumbling. Because Jonathan had exercised his faith in God, the Lord was moving to deliver His people from the Philistines.

Again and again God has used natural forces to assist Him in His defense of His people. This has not only been true in the past history of His people, but prophetically God has declared that the titanic forces of nature in the earth below and from the heavens above are yet to be used to bring overwhelming defeat in the battle of the coming great day of God's wrath when He will deliver His Kingdom people from destruction.

Saul recognized in the earthquake that the Lord was moving to defend His people. Evidently aware that someone among his forces had moved against the enemy, he immediately numbered his army to ascertain if any were absent. Jonathan and his armor-bearer were found to be missing. Instructions were given to the priest who was in the camp with Saul to go near to the Ark and make inquiry of the Lord. While Saul was speaking to the priest a great uproar was heard coming from the camp of the Philistines. Saul and his troops advanced toward their camp, for the Lord had used the earthquake to bring about great consternation among them, causing a disastrous panic. This had resulted in the Philistines becoming so confused that they were fighting one another, while the Hebrews who were serving among them as soldiers mutinied and rejoined the forces of Israel under Saul and Jonathan. When the men that had hidden on Mount Ephraim heard of the rout of the Philistines, they also advanced to battle and the Lord delivered Israel, saving them from their enemies that day.

But King Saul prevented a complete victory over the Philistines by foolishly binding his army by a hasty oath, saying:

"Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies." (I Sam. 14: 24.)

Though Saul's army was in distress from lack of food as they pursued the Philistines, yet none dared violate the King's oath. This is a good example of the leader of the nation failing to use good judgment and carefully consider the effects of restrictions imposed upon his army as they fought against the foe. Saul had acted in haste and thus he defeated his own objective — the complete defeat of the Philistines.

As the men of Israel pursued the retreating Philistines they passed through a wooded area where there was honey in abundance, but no man ate of the honey for fear of the curse. Jonathan, however, had not been informed of the oath sworn by his father, so he ate some of the honey and, as stated in the account, "his eyes were enlightened." It is clear that, along with the rest of the men of Israel, Jonathan was near exhaustion, but the honey revived him. Actually, because he was faint, his eyes had grown dim and he was having a hard time struggling along, but when he began to revive from the fainting condition his sight improved.

After Jonathan had partaken of the honey a man informed him of the oath his father had taken, but Jonathan denounced the lack of wisdom on the part of his father in doing so. He said the army was exhausted for lack of food and, had they been allowed to eat of the food left behind by the Philistines in their flight, Israel would have completely defeated their enemies.

When evening came the time limit set for the curse expired and the hungry army seized portions of the spoil, killing oxen and sheep and eating the raw flesh with the blood. Saul's oath had caused so much physical distress among his fighting men that it led to a direct violation of the Law of the Lord which specifically instructs Israel in the eating of meat:

"Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh." (Deut. 12: 23.)

Saul was informed of what the people were doing and he immediately issued a command that they cease violating the law. Then he gave instructions that all the cattle to be prepared for food were to be brought to him and prepared according to the requirements of the law. After this the King offered a sacrifice to the Lord and the people satisfied their hunger.

Results of a Rash Oath

Saul then issued orders that the army was to pursue the Philistines all that night, assail them at dawn and leave not a man alive. The captains of his hosts, as well as the men themselves, assented, but the priest with Saul informed him it would be better for him to make inquiry of the Lord before carrying out this order. The King did as suggested and inquired of the Lord if he was to pursue the enemy that night, but he received no answer to his question. Saul immediately recognized that there was sin in his camp because the Lord refused to be inquired of concerning his campaign.

The King gathered the captains and all the people together to make inquiry to find out who had sinned. Saul declared that if it proved to be his own son Jonathan, he would surely die. Thus, again, he passed hasty judgment before the facts were known. Lots were cast and Saul and his son Jonathan were taken. Again the lots were cast and

Jonathan was selected as the offender. His father thereupon asked him what he had done. Jonathan confessed that he ate some honey as they passed through some woods when they were pursuing the Philistines. He wanted to know if he must die because he ate the honey when he was hungry.

Saul's impetuousness and his failure to think things through before speaking, and the added failure to limit the curse of the violation of his oath to those only who were aware that such an oath had been taken, brought him face to face with the necessity of executing an innocent man — his own son.

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In reply to Jonathan's question Saul declared that he must die because he had violated the oath of the King. Thus, the results of a rash oath were far-reaching indeed,

But the army of Israel recognized that, had it not been for Jonathan's attack upon the Philistine garrison, Israel would still be subject to the Philistines. They demanded, therefore, that Saul spare the life of his son, declaring that Jonathan had won the great victory for Israel that day. In so doing the army rescued Jonathan from the sentence and his life was spared. But Israel was unable to pursue the Philistines that night because of the King's oath and the army's refusal to allow Jonathan to be slain for having violated it. The Philistines returned to their own stronghold and the failure to destroy them — all because of Saul's foolish oath — ultimately ended in the defeat and death of Saul himself when, years later, they attacked and slew him and his son Jonathan in battle.

God's blessing would not have been upon Israel had they pursued the Philistines that night because of the oath and its violation. The Bible demonstrates again and again that God requires his people to keep their word even though they swear to their own hurt. Saul had foolishly sworn an oath to his own hurt and to the detriment of all Israel. God would not prosper him or fulfill the second clause of that oath; that is, vengeance upon his enemies, while the first clause had been violated. God could have brought complete defeat upon the enemy but the price for keeping the oath was too great, so Israel's foes were not destroyed.

However, Israel did gain a temporary victory over the Philistines. As a result Saul's leadership was established over all Israel. He then fought against the enemies of Israel on every hand, delivering the people from all those who had been oppressing them and spoiling their land.

The Amalekites

Israel thereafter enjoyed a period of rest from their enemies and the time arrived for them to remember the instructions Moses had given them concerning the Amalekites. They were the people who had made an unprovoked attack upon Israel when they came out of Egypt. Moses had said:

"Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. Therefore it shall be, when the Lord thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it." (Deut. 25: 17-19.)

In conformity with Moses' instructions Samuel went to

Saul at the request of the Lord and told him that God expected him to destroy the Amalekites. The Lord remembered what Amalek had done to Israel and they were not to forget it. So Samuel told Saul:

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"Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass." (I Sam. 15: 3.)

This command may seem harsh but it must not be forgotten that because of unrighteousness, disease and filth, the Amalekites were a source of pollution, both physical and moral, to all those who came in contact with them. Then, too, God recognized that His people would never be free from evil aggression, or His Kingdom safe from attack, so long as the Amalekites were allowed to live and scheme in their plotting against Israel. Today their descendants are planning an all-out attack upon modern Israel with the expectation of annihilating God's people so that they may cease to be a nation on the earth (see "War Against God," *Documentary Studies*, Volume I,* page 186).

The Kenites

Saul gathered his army, mustering the men into service at Telaim, there being two hundred thousand footmen and ten thousand men of Judah. When he reached a city of Amalek he made contact with the Kenites, who lived among the Amalekites, and told them to leave, lest they also perish, for they had acted kindly when Israel came out of Egypt.

The Kenites were a nomadic people whose original home was in the region south of Palestine. Moses' father-in-law, a Midianite, is also described as a Kenite (see Judges 1: 16 and 4: 11). The Kenites threw in their lot with Israel on the march from Mount Sinai to Palestine and later joined Judah when that tribe undertook to conquer their part of Palestine. Then they settled in a district south of Palestine and became closely identified with the Amalekites.

Saul Spares Agag

The Kenites withdrew from among the Amalekites whom Saul conquered, massacring all the people, giving no quarter, but taking Agag, their King, alive. Saul and his troops spared Agag and saved the best and fattest of the flocks and herds, for they were not willing to destroy them, though they did destroy the common and worthless stock.

A message came from the Lord to Samuel saying:

"It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night." (I Sam. 15: 11.)

Samuel had done much for Saul and now that the Lord had rejected him, Samuel was disappointed and hurt. But as a prophet of the Lord Samuel went to meet Saul upon his return from the conquest of the Amalekites. Saul had been chosen of God to punish a sinful nation but he had disobeyed His commands. He had failed to destroy Agag, the King, and had reserved the best of the spoils taken from the Amalekites. Therefore, the Lord rejected him as King in Israel. When Samuel met Saul, the King

told him that he had carried out the commands of the Lord. But Samuel inquired:

"What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" (I Sam. 15: 14.)

Saul's Excuse

Saul explained that they had been taken from the Amalekites, the troops sparing the best of the sheep and oxen for a sacrifice to God. The rest they destroyed. Samuel then said, "I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night." Saul told him to speak and Samuel went on:

"When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel? And the Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the Lord?" (I Sam. 15: 17–19.)

Saul insisted that he had fulfilled the mission, had taken Agag prisoner and slain the Amalekites. His troops, he said, took the best of the oxen and sheep to sacrifice to God. To this Samuel replied:

"Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as injuity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." (I Sam. 15: 22-23.)

The Results of Disobedience

Saul then admitted that he had sinned by refusing to completely follow out the command of the Lord and the instructions of Samuel. He gave as his reason for allowing the oxen and sheep to be saved that he was afraid of his troops, so he did what they had demanded. He begged Samuel to pardon his sin and go back with him so that he might worship the Lord. Samuel refused, saying that Saul had set aside the word of the Lord and the Lordhad set him aside from being king.

This is a most interesting commentary on the attitude of God toward those who despise and reject His Word. That word was orally given to Saul by a prophet of the Lord, but today the prophets of the Lord, through their writings, have delivered the Word of the Lord to all His people. If Saul was rejected as King for rejecting the spoken word of the Lord, what, then, will be the punishment of all those who today reject the Written Word? After all, is not the critic and modernist in the same position that Saul occupied when Samuel said of his refusal to believe that obedience was more acceptable than sacrifice and being self-willed was as bad as the iniquity of idols.

As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught at the skirt of his robe and it was torn. Then Samuel said:

"The Lord hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou." (I Sam. 15: 28.)

As a result of his all-night pleading with the Lord in Saul's behalf, Samuel knew by personal experience the unchangeable purposes of the Lord, so he said to Saul:

"The Splendour of Israel [He who presides over Israel], he

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will never lie nor change his mind; he is not a man, to change his mind." (I Sam. 15: 29, Moffatt Trans.)

Saul pleaded with Samuel to show him respect before his officers and army, as well as before all Israel, by coming along with him while he worshipped the Lord. Samuel went with Saul while he worshipped, after which he told Saul to bring Agag, King of the Amalekites, to him. Agag came to Samuel with tottering steps:

"And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal." (I Sam. 15: 32-33.)

After that Samuel went to Ramah and Saul went home to his native town of Gibeah. Samuel never saw Saul again, for he refused to visit Saul to the day of his death. In reading this account of Saul's rejection of the word of the Lord and Samuel's refusal to associate with him from that time on, we are reminded of the admonition of John concerning our attitude toward those who reject the

Living Word — Jesus Christ our Lord:

"Many misleaders have gone out into the world, some not acknowledging Jesus Christ to have come bodily. This is the misleader and the antagonist of Christ. Take care of yourselves, so that you may not lose what we are working out, but may receive a perfect reward. Whoever assumes the lead among you, and continues not in the teaching of the Messiah, possesses not God. Whoever continues in that teaching, he possesses both the Father and the Son. If any one comes to you, and does not bring this doctrine, neither admit him to your house nor wish him success; for whoever wishes him success, himself participates in his wicked doings." (II John 7-11, F. Trans.)

This is a tremendous indictment of all those who, through financial support and by other means, are contributing to the continuation of the preaching of subversive doctrines in our churches by modernists. They are saying Godspeed to them and are participating in their wicked doings.

Samuel grieved over Saul, but the Lord was sorry He had made him king over Israel.

A Giant Microscope

IN THE EDITORIAL titled "Limitless Space" in DESTINY for December 1949 attention was called to the immensity of space revealed by the five historical photographs taken with the new 200-inch Hale telescope. Previously, in the article "The Unique Position of Man," DESTINY for October 1949, the following statements were made:

"It is very possible that, in choosing the dwelling place of man and the size assigned as the stature of those who are to inherit all things with His Son, God selected the planet at the point of division which is the mean between the greatest and the smallest in creation for the abode and development of the human race. . . . Through the telescope, peering into the heavens, he beholds the infinity of greatness. Through the microscope he inspects the infinity of smallness. But in either direction man has never yet been able to view the farthest reaches of space."

It is therefore of special interest to note that man has now increased the magnifying power of his telescopes and, in step with a development that enables him to peer farther out into limitless space, he has also increased the magnification of the microscope. This promises to reveal interesting and startling facts concerning the structure of matter itself.

Powerful optical microscopes at present magnify up to 2,000 times. What is claimed to be the world's most powerful microscope is being constructed in France and is to be ready for science soon. It is the first "protonic" microscope that will magnify objects up to 1,000,000 times. A news report states:

"The power of the 'protonic' microscope promises to open up entirely new fields of research. Visible for the first time will be the smallest of viruses, ultraviruses and molecules. However, the new microscope will not allow scientists to look at the atom."

The reason given for this inability to see the atom is that a proton particle and an atom are of approximately the same weight. When they come in contact, they collide with such force that they set each other in motion. The resulting blur prevents seeing any further.

Solomon's statement of the impossibility to fathom the mysteries of the heavens above or search out the earth beneath still remains true. The tremendous magnifying power of the great 200-inch telescope, and the giant microscope with the "protonic" eye that will magnify a million times, only deepen the mysteries and bring to light new problems which men are wholly unable to solve.

In all of human scientific research and in the building and perfecting of marvelous precision instruments, the search continues as we probe into the heights and depths of our universe. We are reminded in all this of what Solomon said:

"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter." (Prov. 25: 2.)

Solomon then draws this conclusion that the height of heaven and the depth of the earth will remain a mystery. Nevertheless, man goes on with the search and continually adds to his knowledge, gaining information that should increase his reverence and respect for the infinite wisdom and power of Almighty God. It is only by the recognition of the Divine power of an infinite God that men will be able to approach a possible solution of the meaning of the mysteries revealed in the greatness of the universe and hidden in the infinitesimal extremities of matter.

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